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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff ) Bureau Inc., under the Shortened ) Procedure Tariff Docket to publish, ) for and on behalf of Delta Lines, ) Inc., provisions resulting in ) increases. )

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application 84-03-58 (Filed March 19, 1984)

## <u>O P I N I O N</u>

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) on behalf of Delta Lines, Inc. (DELTA) seeks authority to cancel DELTA's participation in:

Item 250600, Exception Sheet 1-B, Cal PUC 34; and

Item 6180, Tariff WMT 570-A, Cal PUC 85.

The above items provide exception ratings of Class 35.1, 35.2, 35.3, and 35.4 on drugs and medicines, NOI, and certain other articles.

DELTA has reviewed its handling methods, its costs, and its earnings for shipments of the articles in question and has determined that the current exception ratings result in charges that are too low in relation to the value of some of the commodities being transported. Cancellation of the exception ratings will reapply the basic scale of class and/or commodity rates applicable to the affected commodities.

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Applicant has been advised by DELTA that the proposed changes will not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent (1%).

This proposal is not considered to be a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2 of the Public Utilities (PU) Code.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of March 22, 1984. No protest to the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.

2. The proposal will result in increasing DELTA's California intrastate gross revenue by less than 1%.

3. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.

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4. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

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## <u>O R D E R</u>

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Delta Lines, Inc. is authorized to cancel its participation in:

Item 250600, Exception Sheet 1-B, Cal PUC 34; and

Item 6180, Tariff WMT 570-A, Cal PUC 85.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed on or after the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than 5 days after the effective date of this order on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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3. Delta Lines, Inc. in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized by this order, is authorized to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

> LEONARD M. GRIMES. JR. President VICTOR CALVO PRISCILLA C. GREW DONALD VIAL WILLIAM T. BAGLEY Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THAS DECISION WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE CORMISSIONERS TODAY CLODE E. -4-