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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 Smiser Freight)
Service, Samjo, Inc., dba provi-)
sions resulting in increases.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application 84-05-049
(Filed May 10, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of Samjo, Inc., doing business as Smiser Freight Service (Smiser), to publish an increased minimum charge on certain shipments weighing less than 250 pounds in WMTB Tariff WMT 170, CA PUC 51.

WMTB proposes to publish the following rules for Smiser:

- "(A) When carrier is tendered a single shipment weighing less than 250 pounds, picked up at one time and at one point of origin, from one consignor, the minimum charge shall be no less than the applicable minimum charge in this item for a 250-pound shipment.
- (B) When carrier is tendered two or more shipments at one time, at one point of origin, from one consignor, the minimum charge per shipment shall be no less than the applicable minimum charge in this item for 100 pounds."

According to WMTB, Smiser presently has a 100-pound minimum charge per shipment. WMTB contends that the objective of this application is to establish a 250-pound minimum charge, when

carrier is tendered only one shipment, while retaining the 100-pound minimum charge when two or more shipments are tendered to the carrier and picked up at the same time.

WMTB avers that Smiser has reviewed its costs and monetary return on minimum charge shipments, and has determined that the present level of charges in the tariff is too low in relation to the expense of providing the service, and that such shipments are therefore handled at a loss.

WMTB states that it has been advised by Smiser that the proposed charges would increase the carrier's revenue by less than \$23,000 but would not increase the carrier's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent. The proposal is not considered to be a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Public Utilities Code Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of May 21, 1984. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The proposal will increase Smiser's intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.

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

4. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, on behalf of Samjo, Inc., doing business as Smiser Freight Service is authorized to amend WMTB Tariff WMT 170, CA PUC 51 by increasing the minimum charge as set forth in the opinion.

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.

3. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

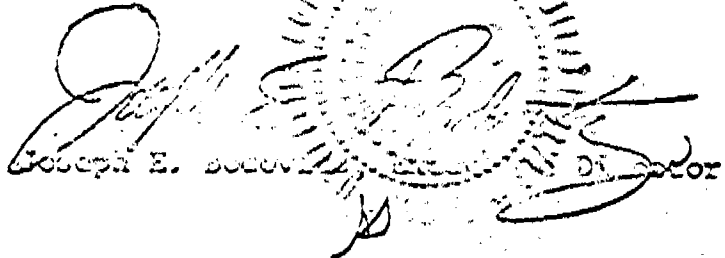
Dated AUG 1 1984, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner Priscilla C. Grew,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate

Commissioner William T. Bagley
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE NAMED
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Scoville, Director