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Decision 84 10 065

OCT 17 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 Viking Freight System, Inc., for)
 authority to increase rates in tariffs,)
 of which this carrier is party thereto,)
 for this carrier's participation only,)
 namely Western Motor Tariff Bureau)
 Tariff Nos. E.S. 1-B, 104, 113, 170,)
 272, 570-A and Viking Freight System)
 Tariff VIKN 200, 202 (including)
 reissues thereof) containing rates and)
 charges for this common carrier for the)
 transportation of commodities and the)
 performance of specified services)
 related thereto.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application 84-04-054
 (Filed April 11, 1984;
 Amended August 6, 1984)

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For the Authority to depart from the)
 terms of Sections 454 and 491 of the)
 Public Utilities Code when accomplish-)
 ing such publication.)

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Viking Freight System, Inc. (Viking) seeks authority for an increase of one percent in the following tariffs published by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, (WMTB) in which Viking is a participant:

- WMTB Tariff E.S. 1-B, Cal P.U.C. No. 34;
- WMTB Tariff 104, Cal P.U.C. No. 23;
- WMTB Tariff 113, Cal P.U.C. No. 19;
- WMTB Tariff 170, Cal P.U.C. No. 51;
- WMTB Tariff 272, Cal P.U.C. No. 47; and
- WMTB Tariff 570-A, Cal P.U.C. No. 85;

Viking also seeks a one percent increase in the following individual tariffs published in the series of Viking:

Viking Tariff 202, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2; and
Viking Tariff 200, Cal. P.U.C. No.1.

These tariffs provide class and commodity rates and related rules and conditions applicable to the transportation of general commodities.

On January 5, 1984, the Commission granted a nine percent general rate increase to Viking in Decision (D.) 84-01-008. Viking contends that the nine percent increase granted by D.84-01-008 is one percent short of the amount needed to maintain a desired level of profit.

Applicant further states that the sought increases will not exceed one percent of its total gross revenue.

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

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendars of April 17 and October 10, 1984, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The proposal will result in increasing applicant's California 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. 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, as amended, should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Viking Freight System, Inc. is authorized to increase its rates and charges by one percent in tariffs published by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, and in applicants individual tariffs as specifically set forth in this 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. Viking Freight System, Inc., in establishing and maintaining the rates and charges 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.


4. The application, as amended, is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated OCT 17 1984, at San Francisco, California.

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE
COMMISSIONERS


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Director

