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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
 Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.,)
 for and on behalf of Meiko Freight)
 Service, Inc., a departure pursuant)
 to Rule 2 of General Order No. 147-A)
 to publish provisions resulting in)
 increases and/or decreases because)
 of proposed publication of hourly)
 rates in Tariff 113,)
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 for authority to depart from provi-)
 sions of Sections 452, 454 and 491)
 of the Public Utilities Code when)
 accomplishing such publication.)

Application 88-10-005
(Filed October 3, 1988)

O P I N I O N

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMT), on behalf of Meiko Freight Service, Inc. (Meiko), seeks authority for Meiko to publish hourly rates in WMT Local Freight Tariff 113, CA PUC 19, which provides vehicle unit rates, and to be added to the Participating Carrier Tariff WMT 171-C, CA PUC 148.

Applicant states that recent business solicitations by Meiko have uncovered various shippers in need of a carrier who can transport their freight at hourly vehicle unit rates.

Meiko will be providing a new service to those shippers who desire to have their shipments delivered under hourly vehicle unit rates with the publication of these rates.

WMT alleges that the addition of hourly vehicle unit rates will most likely result in both increases and decreases in revenue, depending on the commodities contained in the shipment(s), the weight of the shipment(s), the number of shipments transported and the amount of time required to deliver the shipment(s). Therefore, applicant contends, it would be impossible to cost justify the addition of hourly vehicle unit rates since a specific shipment would have to be transported before it could be determined that in fact a decrease in revenue has occurred.

Applicant asserts that the proposal is a minor, technical change not adverse to the interests of other parties, non-controversial, and not of general interest due to the fact that many carriers already offer hourly vehicle unit rates.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of October 7, 1988. No protest to the granting of the application has been received. The application was not filed under authority granted pursuant to Section 496 of the Public Utilities Code.

Findings of Fact

1. Meiko will be able to serve those shippers requiring hourly vehicle unit rates by participating in WMT Local Freight Tariff 113, CA PUC 19.
2. The proposal will result in both increases and decreases in revenue, depending on the commodities contained in the shipment(s), the weight of the shipment(s), the number of shipments transported and the amount of time required to deliver the shipment(s).
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Meiko Freight Service, Inc. is authorized to publish hourly vehicle unit rates in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight Tariff 113, CA PUC 19, and to be added to the Participating Carrier Tariff WMT 171-C, CA PUC 148.

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. Meiko Freight Service, Inc., in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized by this order, is authorized to depart from the provisions of Public Utilities 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. This authority shall expire if not exercised within 60 days of the effective date of this order.

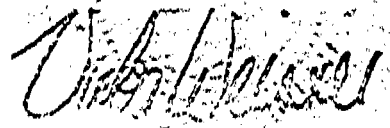
5. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated DEC 9 1988, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
C. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

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


Victor Weiser, Executive Director