

Decision 89 05 043 MAY 26 1989

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 G.I. Trucking)
 Company, to depart from Rule 6)
 (Collection of Charges), General)
 Order 155 of the California Public)
 Utilities Commission pursuant to)
 Rule 3 thereof,)
 and)
 for authority to depart from the)
 provisions of Section 491 of the)
 California Public Utilities Code.)

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Application 89-02-055
(Filed February 27, 1989)

OPINION

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMT) seeks authority, on behalf of G.I. Trucking Company (G.I.), to depart from Rule 6 of General Order 155, for G.I. to extend the credit period for the collection of charges from 7 days to 15 days.

General Order 155, Rule 6, Paragraph B, Subparagraph 1, provides that freight bills be presented to the debtor within 7 calendar days from the first 12 o'clock midnight following delivery of the freight. Subparagraph 2 of the same rule states that carriers may extend credit to the debtor for a period of 7 days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, with the credit period beginning from the first 12 o'clock midnight following presentation of the freight bill. G.I. proposes to extend credit to debtors for a period of 15 days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. This rule would be published in Item 435-3 of Tariff WMT 170, CA PUC 51, as provided in Exhibit "A" of the application.

WMT states that central payment systems using computers are common today and, for reasons of economy, businesses use cyclical batch processing rather than continuous payment of

individual bills. With batch processing, it is extremely difficult for shippers to comply with the current short credit period. WMT further states that mail service is used extensively, in the presentation and payment of freight bills, often to points remote from the vicinity of transportation service, which is frequently slow, and results in late payments. A longer payment period would meet the needs of the shippers.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of March 8, 1989. 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. Applicant seeks a departure from Rule 6 of General Order 155 for G.I. to extend the credit period for the collection of charges from 7 days to 15 days.
2. Shippers require a longer payment period because of payment of bills by cyclical batch processing rather than continuous payment of individual bills.
3. Authority for G.I. to extend the credit period for the collection of charges from 7 days to 15 days is justified.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. G.I. Trucking Company is authorized a departure from Rule 6 of General Order 155 to extend the credit period for the collection of charges from 7 days to 15 days as set forth in Exhibit "A" of the application.

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. This authority will expire if not exercised within 60 days of the effective date of this order.

4. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAY 26 1989, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

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

Victor Weisner
Victor Weisner, Executive Director