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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff)
 Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeking relief)
 from the terms of Rule 2 of General Order)
 147-B and Rule 6.6(a), (b), and (e),)
 6.8(c) of General Order 80-C authorizing)
 publication of Zip Code Distance Table)
 on behalf of Highway Common Carriers)
 naming mileages between points in)
 California, and for authority to depart)
 from the provisions of Sections 452, 454,)
 460, 461.5 and 491 of the Public Utilities)
 Code of the State of California to the)
 extent necessary to permit publication of)
 proposed mileage provisions.)

Application 90-05-008
(Filed May 4, 1990)

O P I N I O N

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), a tariff publishing agent, seeks permission to publish a Zip Code Distance Table (DT) on behalf of its member carriers, naming mileages between points in California.

Specifically, WMTB wishes to publish and file DT 8-2 to apply in connection with transportation performed by the bureau's present and future members. Unless independent action is taken by a carrier, all WMTB bureau members will participate in the proposed DT in lieu of applying mileages as shown in the Commission's DT 8.

In support of its application WMTB alleges generally as follows:

1. The proposed DT, which replaces the current index number system of identification with the zip code system of identification was produced by Transtech Systems, Inc. (TTS). TTS has performed a comparative review between WMTB's DT and Distance Table 8, published by the Commission. Such review

revealed a cumulative difference of less than 1%. The review is attached to the application as Appendix "B".

2. WMTB has performed a variety of tests making comparisons between its DT and DT-8, with corrections being made where errors were found.
3. The general shipping public across the nation have become accustomed to working with distances based on zip codes (except intrastate California) and are in total support of WMTB's DT.
4. Zip codes are required by the U.S. Postal Service. Reference materials are readily available in the event the public desires an individual copy of reference books giving zip codes for all points in the nation, by individual state or combination thereof. Further, it can be viewed at any U.S. Post Office and at most libraries.
5. General Order 155, as amended, requires all freight bills, bills of lading, et al, to contain zip codes.
6. Zip code based mileages can be determined manually with very little effort or by the use of a computer with even less effort.
7. The Commission has approved a number of zip code based mileage tables, and recently WMTB has noted additional applications being filed seeking similar publication authority.
8. The request made herein is consistent with carrier made rate programs of the Commission.
9. WMTB's DT was proposed, processed, and approved pursuant to WMTB By-Laws and Rules of Procedure as required by Section 496 of the Public Utilities Code.

The manner of use and application of WMTB DT is virtually identical to that employed in using the Commission's DT 8.

First, refer to the index and determine the postal zip code for the point of origin and the point of destination. Then, refer to Section 3 and locate the lower of the two zip codes at the top of the page (headline), and the higher of the two zip codes at the left hand margin of the page (sideline). The applicable mileage will be found at the intersection of the headline and sideline columns of the page on which both zip codes are shown. In the event there is no zip code assignment for a point there is a rule which provides a basis for determining the applicable mileage. This is accomplished by finding the mileage to a point not located beyond the unnamed point and adding 1.3 miles times the actual road miles between closest named point and the unnamed point. Distance within a single zip code will be 3 miles for both a pickup and delivery therein.

The Commission's Transportation Economics and Analysis Branch has recommended that the application be granted.

Notice of filing of the application has appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar. No objection has been received. In the circumstances, the application should be granted.

Findings of Fact

1. WMTB proposes to publish and file with the Commission its WMTB Zip Code DT 8-Z, setting forth mileages between zip code areas rather than between the conventional basing points as shown in the Commission's DT 8.

2. Commission's Transportation Economics and Analysis Branch recommends granting the application.

3. The application, if granted, will allow users of the proposed publication to determine mileages more readily than is practicable under the present DT 8 methodology.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.

2. Since there is no opposition to the application, the effective date of this order should be today.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. may file with this Commission, on 5 day's notice, its Zip Code based Distance Table 8-2, to apply in lieu of the Commission's Distance Table 8 in connection with transportation performed by member carriers of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 18 1990, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WLK
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


NEAL J. SULMAN, Executive Director