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Decision 91-02-013 February 6, 1991

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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.,)
 Agent for authority to increase)
 rates in Western Motor Tariff Bureau)
 Local Freight Tariff 17, (including)
 reissues thereof) containing rates)
 for the transportation of Cement and)
 the Performance of specified services)
 related thereto.)

ORIGINAL

Application 90-12-032
(Filed December 17, 1990)

OPINION

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMT) compiles, issues, files, and distributes tariffs containing rates, rules, and regulations applicable to intrastate transportation on behalf of common carriers who are participants thereto.

By this application WMT seeks authority to increase the rates in its Local Freight Tariff 17, CA PUC 21, which contains commodity rates, including distance commodity rates and rules and regulations applying to specified services related to the intrastate transportation of Portland and similar cements.

In accordance with General Order (GO) 150-A applicant has filed Supplement 73 which provides for a 10% increase in all rates and charges, except the Northern Territory rates in Item 3000, which will be increased by 6%, effective February 4, 1991.

The increases sought herein are necessitated by increased expenses of carriers and by the uncertain economic and operating environment within which the industry functions. The request includes an adjustment of fuel costs only through July 1990.

A cost study justifying the sought increases is attached to the application as Appendix C.

GO 150-A provides rules governing tariff and contract filings in connection with the transportation of cement and related commodities. This application complies with GO 150-A.

Findings of Fact

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau seeks to increase rates in its Local Freight Tariff 17 by 10% except for Northern Territory rates in Item 3000 which it seeks an increase of 6%.
2. The application was filed pursuant to the rules set forth in GO 150-A.
3. The requested increase is justified.
4. Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on December 20, 1990. No protests have been filed. A hearing is not necessary.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.
2. This order should be made effective today, since there is an immediate need for rate relief.

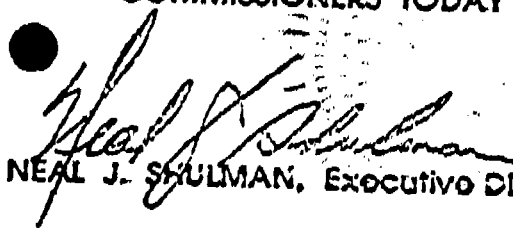
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau is authorized to increase rates in Local Freight Tariff 17 as proposed in 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 the effective date of this order on not less than 1 day's notice to the Commission and to the public.
3. This authority expires in sixty days if not exercised. This order is effective today.
Dated February 6, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
G. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

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


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director
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