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Decision 91-04-011 April 10, 1991

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 Hadley Auto)
Transport, seeking authority to)
increase rates and charges in Western)
Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local)
Truckaway Tariff 128, CA PUC 41,)
(including reissues thereof).)

ORIGINAL

Application 90-11-051
(Filed November 26, 1990)

OPINION

This application was filed on behalf of Hadley Auto Transport (applicant), a highway common carrier holding authority under File T-41598. It seeks a 15% increase in all rates and charges, except Item 330. All of applicant's business is in the specialized truckaway field.

Applicant has one competitor, also represented by the same tariff bureau. The competitor has previously increased its rates by the same percentage.

Applicant reports that its 1989 intrastate expenses were \$5.7 million with revenues of \$5.1 million. A 15% increase in intrastate revenues would have produced gross revenues of \$5.85 million and an operating ration of 97.6. For 7 months of 1990, the projected operating ratio would have been 99.6.

No protests have been received. On January 29, 1991, Transportation Division staff (staff) recommended that the increase be granted with one minor exception.

The application proposed that there be no limit to the time for "folding in" the increases, i.e. changing from a surcharge to a new rate structure which includes the increase. Staff recommended instead that a 60-day limit be imposed. Applicant did not protest the 60-day limit or supply sufficient justification for

its request. We will, therefore, grant the application, but adopt the staff recommendation.

Findings of Fact

1. Notice of the filing of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 4, 1990.
2. The proposed increase in rates is just and reasonable.
3. As increased, the new rates will be in line with competitive rates.
4. No protests have been received. No hearing is necessary.

Conclusions of Law

1. The staff recommendation should be adopted.
2. The application should be granted, with a time limit for folding in.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Western Motor Tariff Bureau is authorized to publish the proposed new rates and cancel existing rates, on 5 days' notice to the public and to the Commission. This authority shall expire if the increases are not folded in within 60 days from the effective date hereof.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated April 10, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
G. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

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

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NEAL J. SAULMAN, Executive Director