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Decision 92-05-043 May 20, 1992

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 Truckload Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.)
 for authority to allow member)
 carriers to participate, publish and)
 place on file with the Public)
 Utilities Commission CA. P.U.C. Nos.)
 1 and 2 (Participating Carrier and)
 Class Rate Tariffs) and collectively)
 set rates under Code Section 496 as)
 authorized by Decision 90-05-022,)
 issued by the Public Utilities)
 Commission and to implement there-)
 with rate changes pursuant to)
 Sections 452 and 454 of the)
 California Public Utilities)
 Commission.)

ORIGINAL

Application 90-11-028
(Filed November 14, 1990)

OPINION

Applicant Truckload Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (Bureau) is a rate bureau and tariff publishing agent for common carriers (cf. Decision (D.) 90-05-022 in Application 90-02-005).¹ It seeks to publish a highway common carrier tariff in a new format. This would, according to applicant, enable participating carriers to adopt a "...simple easy to use pricing system; in keeping with...Decision 90-02-021."² It further asserts that for the carriers named in the new tariffs, all increases and/or decreases in actual rates will be minimal and within the zone of reasonableness as defined in that decision.

1 This decision approved the agreement between applicant and the common carriers who participated in then-existing Bureau tariffs.

2 This decision in Investigation 88-08-046 established new policies for regulation of common carriers; it included a discussion of collective ratemaking.

According to Bureau, the new format will enable rate auditors to verify charges by reviewing approximately six pages of tariff rather than "thousands" under competitive tariffs.

After several letters and two amendments, Transportation Division' criticisms of the tariff have been satisfied. The matter was published in the Daily Transportation Calendar and no protests have been received. No hearing is required.

Findings of Fact

1. No protests have been received and no hearing is required.

2. To the extent that participation in the new tariff will increase carriers' rates, the increases are minimal and within the defined zone of reasonableness and are just and reasonable.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.

2. Since the matter is not controversial, and since an improvement in competition may result, the order should be effective today.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Truckload Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. is authorized to file and publish Public Utilities Commission CA. P.U.C. Nos. 1 and 2, and the carriers named therein are authorized to collectively set and adopt the rates, rules, and regulations stated therein.

2. This authority shall expire unless exercised in 90 days.
This order is effective today.

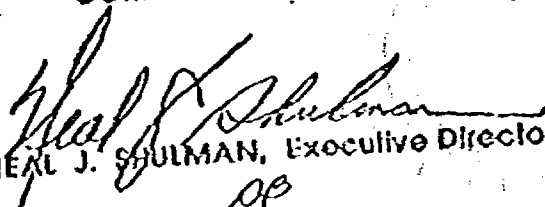
Dated May 20, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President

JOHN B. OHANIAN
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

Commissioner Patricia M. Eckert,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

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


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director
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