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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Cal-West Tariff)
Bureau, Inc., Agent to publish for)
and on behalf of Corona Trucking)
Co., Inc., a carrier, exceptions to)
the Governing Rules Tariff 300, Cal.)
P.U.C. No. 3, which, if effective,)
will result in increased rates and)
charges.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application 83-09-38
(Filed September 15, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc. (CWTB), on behalf of Corona Trucking, Inc. (Corona), seeks authority to publish exceptions to CWTB Governing Rules Tariff No. 300, CAL. P.U.C. NO. 3.

Corona has found that certain rates and charges provided in CWTB Tariff 300, to which it is a participant, do not yield sufficient revenues to compensate applicant for the expenses incurred in offering certain special services.

Item 15 has a charge of 88 cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge \$4.20 for each pickup and delivery at a private residence. Corona seeks to increase the minimum charge to \$7.76 and reduce the charge per 100 pounds to 77 cents.

Item 18 provides a charge for pickup and delivery of shipments at points other than street level at a rate of 39 cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge \$3.12 per shipment, for shipments between 100 and 10,000 pounds. Corona proposes to establish a

charge for this service regardless of weight, so that it will be compensated for the time and labor involved on shipments weighing 100 pounds or less.

Item 40 provides for services performed at other than regular working hours at a charge of \$27.97 per person, per hour, and restricted to service performed wholly within the Central Coastal Territory. Corona proposes to apply the same charge for this service at any point or place in the State of California. Applicant states that its customers will benefit from the proposed provisions when service on weekends, holidays or at other than normal working hours is necessary to meet the demands of a particular market.

Item 65 provides for C.O.D. shipments with a charge based on the amount to be collected and remitted. For example, when the C.O.D. amount is not over \$100, the charge for collecting and remitting is \$3.78, in addition to all other rates and charges. Corona proposes to increase the charge to \$6.05 when the C.O.D. amount is not over \$350. Applicant alleges that the time and expense for this service when the amount collected is \$100 is no less than when the amount collected is \$350. Corona has determined that it would be in its best interest to increase the charge to compensate applicant for the office expenses incurred in providing this service.

Corona proposes to establish a higher minimum charge for shipments destined to or originating from the sparsely populated and remote areas of Alpine, Inyo, Kern, Mono and San Bernardino Counties, because current rates and charges do not adequately compensate applicant for the expense incurred when providing small shipment service to these areas. Under the proposed increase, the minimum charge for a shipment weighing 200 pounds or less would be subject to the class or commodity rate at 200 pounds, but not less than the following charges:

1. \$21.89 for distances not exceeding 150 miles.
2. \$26.85 for distances exceeding 150 miles, but not exceeding 500 miles.
3. \$33.14 for distances exceeding 500 miles.

Applicant would be able to expedite small shipments without having to wait to consolidate several shipments in order to make a profit from the transportation to these areas.

Corona proposes to establish an additional charge of \$5 per shipment for prearranged scheduling of vehicle arrival for unloading. Currently, CWTB Tariff 300 does not provide a charge but contains provisions for this service in Item 170. According to Corona, the proposed additional charge would at least partially compensate for the office expenses incurred by applicant for this service.

Corona proposes to establish an additional charge of 40 cents per 100 pounds per shipment, subject to a minimum charge of \$5, to compensate applicant for the service of providing power-lift gate equipment. CWTB tariffs, with the exception of CWTB Vehicle Unit Rates Tariff No. 100, do not provide a charge for this service. It takes careful planning by Corona to arrange for the time and placement of this equipment at specified locations. When its own equipment is not available, renting or leasing is required.

Corona states that since the proposed increases would affect only a very small portion of applicant's intrastate operation, it would result in increasing its intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.

Corona believes that the proposal is not a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 20, 1983. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The proposal will result in increasing applicant's California intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.

3. This order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway common carriers.

4. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Corona Trucking Co., Inc. is authorized to publish exceptions to Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc. Governing Rules Tariff No. 300, CAL. P.U.C. NO. 3, as set forth in the opinion and in the manner shown in Exhibit "A" of its application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than 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.

The order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JAN 19 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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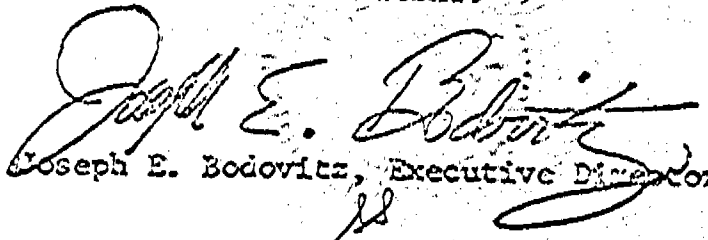
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Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director