

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 87103

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor )  
 Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, )  
 under the Shortened Procedure )  
 Tariff Docket to publish for )  
 and on behalf of Alco Fast )  
 Freight, Inc. tariff provisions )  
 resulting in increases due to )  
 the amendment of Item No. 460, )  
 Minimum Charges, of Tariff )  
 No. 111. )

Shortened Procedure  
 Tariff Docket  
 Application No. 56781  
 (Filed September 29, 1976)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of Alco Fast Freight, Inc., (Alco) to increase by ten percent said carrier's minimum charges on shipments transported for distances exceeding 300 miles but not over 500 miles.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that Alco had assessed minimum charges which were ten percent higher than those applicable by certain competing carriers but reduced such minimum charges in 1974 to the minimum charge levels assessed by said carriers for competitive reasons.

Applicant asserts that it has had cause to evaluate the effect this change has had on its operations and has found that it must seek a higher level of charges in order to continue operating at a compensatory level.

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed minimum charges are set forth in Item 460 of WMTB, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

Applicant contends that increases resulting from the proposal would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent. Applicant anticipates that approximately \$1,150 in additional yearly revenue should accrue to it under the proposed charges.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 30, 1976. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from applicant's proposal are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Alco Fast Freight, Inc., to publish an amendment to Item 460 of its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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The order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1977.

Robert Bateman

President

William Lyons Jr.

James L. Stinson

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Richard D. Givale

Commissioners