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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc. under the)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)	Shortened Procedure
to publish for and on behalf of)	Tariff Docket
its participating carriers tariff)	Application No. 57262
provisions resulting in increases)	(Filed April 27, 1977)
because of proposed increase in)	
specified hourly rates for bulk)	
petroleum carriers.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., (WMTB) seeks authority on behalf of all carriers, except Acme Transportation, Inc., which are parties to its Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24 to increase the hourly rates contained in Item 450 of said tariff.

According to applicant WMTB Tariff No. 18 contains rates filed for and on behalf of common carriers and bulk petroleum irregular route carriers for transportation of bulk petroleum products as set forth in the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 6-B.

Applicant states that service stations will often find it necessary to have underground storage tanks pumped dry due to contamination. Sometimes great periods of time are required to transfer the product from storage tanks to carrier's equipment. Also, various U. S. Department of Transportation and state fire regulations require carrier to stand by, awaiting safety equipment and/or clearance to begin transfer operations. This necessarily requires time and additional labor expense to the carrier.

Applicant avers that the service being offered under their proposal is permissive, and since it will apply only when a specific request is made, the charges are considered reasonable and compensate the carrier only for the special service rendered.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase any carrier's California intrastate gross

revenue by as much as one percent. Applicant anticipates that the collective yearly revenue increase under its proposal should approximate \$38,000.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 29, 1977. 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 its participating carriers, except Acme Transportation, Inc., to publish an amendment in its Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24, 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of AUGUST, 1977.

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

William Spurr, Jr. President
Viggo L. Sturgeon
Richard D. Givally

Commissioners