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Decision No. 87819 SEP 7 1977

## 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
various carriers tariff provi-	)	Application No. 57345
sions resulting in an increase	)	(Filed May 26, 1977)
in total freight charges for	)	
movement of Cement to specified	)	
points.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., (WMTB) for and on behalf of the carriers participating in its Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21, seeks to amend a rule in said tariff pertaining to the construction of rates on shipments of cement originating at or destined to points beyond Geysers Power Plant.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that because of the mountainous terrain and difficult access, carriers party to WMTB 17 have maintained exceptions to the governing Distance Table on traffic moving to Geysers Plants. The exception establishes combination rates over Geysers Power Plant. Carriers party to the tariff feel that combination rates are necessary to produce sufficient revenue for their hauls.

Applicant alleges that Geysers Plants 13, 14, 15 and 16 are currently in the planning stage. It is anticipated that construction will start in the near future. Applicant proposes to establish rates to such plants on the same relationship as the rates currently published to existing plants.

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<sup>1</sup>The rule is set forth in detail in Item No. 2040 of WMTB, Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21.

Applicant asserts that Geysers Plant 15 is to be located at the Geysers Power Plant and that rates are already in effect, to and from this point.

Applicant further asserts that increases resulting from the proposal would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of the carriers involved herein by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 31, 1977. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that:

1. Because of the mountainous terrain and difficult access, carriers have maintained exceptions to the Distance Table on traffic moving to Geysers Plants.
2. The resulting combination rates are necessary to produce sufficient revenue for the participating carriers' hauls.
3. The needs of commerce and the public interest require that the proposed rates be established.
4. The proposed rates are reasonable and justified by transportation conditions.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted to the extent indicated in the ensuing order and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized, on behalf of the carriers participating in its Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21, to amend said tariff, 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 one day

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after the effective date of this order on not less than one day's 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 effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1977.

Robert Batminal  
President  
William S. Jones, Jr.

Richard D. Gervais  
Chas. L. Delrich  
Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.