

Decision No. 88029 OCT 25 1977

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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
Acme Transportation, Inc. tariff	)	Application No. 57509
provisions resulting in increases	)	(Filed August 10, 1977)
because of proposed increase in	)	
specified minimum weight for bulk	)	
petroleum shipments.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, (WMTB) seeks authority for and on behalf of Acme Transportation, Inc. (Acme) to increase the specified minimum weight when transporting petroleum products in a tank truck, tank trailer or tank semitrailer from 39,600, 40,000 and 46,500 pounds to 50,000 pounds.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant alleges that motor carriers rendering the service in question receive requests for units of equipment consisting of two connected tank units which is subject to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds. On rare occasions a request is made for a tank truck, tank trailer or tank semitrailer in which case the present minimum weight is 39,600, 40,000 or 46,500 pounds, dependent upon the commodity transported. Applicant avers these latter minimum weights do not fully compensate the carrier for this type of operation since labor costs on both types of equipment are exactly the same, cost of carrier's power unit is the same and nearly all running costs are equal including tires and vehicle license.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase Acme's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent. Applicant anticipates that the yearly revenue increase under its proposal should approximate \$1,000.00.

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<sup>1</sup>The present rates are set forth in Item 260 of WMTB Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 12, 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 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1977.

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William Lyons-J.  
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Walter L. Sturgeon  
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Richard D. Howell  
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Clair J. DeWitt  
Commissioners

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