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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	)	
to publish for and on behalf of	)	
Auto Purchasing Agency, Inc.	)	Shortened Procedure
tariff provisions resulting in	)	Tariff Docket
increases because of proposed	)	Application No. 57513
increase in Classification	)	(Filed August 12, 1977)
Classes on shipments of Auto-	)	
mobile Parts pertaining to	)	
Item Nos. 18410, 18420, 18680,	)	
20100 and 20140 of the Governing	)	
Classification.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, (WMTB) seeks authority for and on behalf of Auto Purchasing Agency, Inc. (APAT) to publish tariff provisions resulting in increases by cancelling the present restriction against use of less than truckload and truckload class ratings, on automobile parts, in WMTB Exception Sheet 1-B.<sup>1</sup>

According to WMTB the application is based on the following facts and circumstances: that APAT initially was flagged out of the higher exception sheet classes, referred to in the above mentioned items, by the reference "...ON INTRASTATE TRAFFIC ALSO WILL NOT APPLY VIA APAT."; that APAT's intention was to develop sufficient volume movement that would in the long run add to the carrier's revenue; that such volume movements have never materialized; and, as a consequence current charges presently published for APAT's account due to the insignificant amount of traffic hauled is not compensatory to their operation.

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<sup>1</sup> The ratings on automobile parts involved herein are found in Items 18410, 18420, 18680, 20100 and 20140 of WMTB Exception Sheet 1-B, Cal. P.U.C. No. 34.

Applicant further states: that, in the opinion of APAT, the higher level of charges as proposed herein and which are presently being assessed by other carriers more readily reflect their actual cost of performing the service requested; that the exception classes published in Items 18410, 18420, 18680, 20100 and 20140 of Exception Sheet No. 1-B have been in effect since their authorization by Cal. P.U.C. Decision 60780 in September of 1960; that the exception classes named above involve light and bulky articles on which present applicable class rates, published and observed by applicant, are inadequate and unreasonably low; that the proposed increases in classification ratings will result in just and reasonable rates; that the position of interested parties in this matter, insofar as applicant has been advised by APAT, indicates that the proposed publication will not be opposed by any shipper.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase APAT's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent. Applicant anticipates that the yearly revenue increases under its proposal should approximate \$2,500.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 15, 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 Auto Purchasing Agency, Inc., to publish amendments to its Exception Sheet No. 1-B, Cal. P.U.C. No. 34, as specifically proposed in the application.

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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 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of NOVEMBER, 1977.

Robert Batinaich  
President  
William S. ...  
Simon L. ...  
Richard D. ...  
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Commissioners