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Decision No. 88792 MAY 2 1978

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)
its participating carriers tariff))
provisions resulting in increases))
because of proposed amendment in)
specified rates for bulk petro-)
leum carriers.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 57848
(Filed February 6, 1978)
(Amended April 3, 1978)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18 (WMTB 18), Cal P.U.C. No. 24, to amend Item 728 of said tariff as shown in the appendix and amendment to the application.

WMTB 18 contains rates filed for and on behalf of common carriers and bulk irregular route carriers for the transportation of bulk petroleum products. Except for some rail competitive rates, rates contained in WMTB 18 reflect those prescribed by the Commission in Minimum Rate Tariff 6-B (MRT 6-B).

Item 728 of WMTB 18 provides for special monthly vehicle unit volume tender rates. These rates in cents per gallon are utilized when a shipper elects to enter into a written contract for services to be performed in a given thirty-day period. There are comparable provisions in Item 523 of MRT 6-B.

This application proposes a change in the billing cycle. A method to correct the charges when the estimated volume to be transported differs from the actual volume shipped is also proposed.

Presently, the carrier receives a prepayment on the seventh day of the contract which does not adequately reimburse the carrier for expenses accruing during the remaining contracted period. The application would eliminate the prepayment and adopt weekly billings

for the first twenty-one days of the contract. The final billing, submitted at the end of the thirty-day period, will be determined upon the actual number of gallons transported. If there is a difference between the estimated tender volume and the actual number of gallons transported, the applicant has constructed correction factors to enable the shipper to receive the lowest transportation charge in accordance with the scale of rates as provided in Item 726 of WMTB 18.

The resulting billing, in event the application is granted would collectively increase carrier revenue by \$20,000 annually. In no event will the proposal increase the gross revenue derived by the carriers on whose behalf this application was filed by as much as one percent (1%).

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 8, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from the proposal herein are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish amendments to its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24, as specifically proposed in the appendix to the application and the amendment thereto.

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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of 1 MAY, 1978.

Robert Batminal

President

William Sproule Jr.

Vernon L. Sturgeon

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Commissioners