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Decision No. 88959 JUN 13 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor	)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc. under the	)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff Doc-	)	
ket to publish in its Local and	)	Shortened Procedure
Joint Freight and Express Tariff)	)	Tariff Docket
No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24,	)	Application No. 58016
tariff provisions resulting in	)	(Filed April 21, 1978)
increases in rates for the	)	
account of Hercules Oil Company	)	
of San Diego, Inc.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), seeks authority on behalf of Hercules Oil Company of San Diego, Inc., (HOCI) to cancel HOCI's participation from Item 725 of WMTB Tariff No. 18.

Applicant states that increases would occur by cancelling HOCI from Item 725 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24 and allowing it to use other provisions in the tariff. Item 725 of WMTB 18 contains special monthly vehicle unit rates, in cents per gallon, applicable only from Colton, Imperial, Niland or San Diego to points located within 250 miles of said origins. HOCI avers that the revenue derived from the use of this item is not enough to cover its costs.

Applicant further states that it believes that the proposed increases would not be opposed by any shipper since shippers will have the option of using other carriers, at the lower rates in Item 725, should they so desire.

Applicant asserts that the increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase HOCI's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 24, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable and 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, on behalf of Hercules Oil Company of San Diego, Inc., to publish amendments to 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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of JUNE 4, 1978.

Robert Bateman  
President  
William Sproul Jr.  
Vernon L. Sturgis  
Robert P. Hoyle  
Clair L. DeWitt  
Commissioners