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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) for and on behalf of Certified Freight Lines, Inc. to amend Item 720 of Bureau Tariff No. 127 which results in increases.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 58017 (Filed April 21, 1978)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of Certified Freight Lines, Inc. (CERT), to increase rates on shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables from the Los Angeles Local Produce Territory to the Los Angeles Market Area. The rates are set forth in Item 720 of WMTB, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 127, Cal. P.U.C. No. 39.

Applicant states that when carrier unloads shipments at the Los Angeles Produce Mart, it is required to use helpers furnished by the Mart. WMTB alleges that current charges for unloading are 65 percent of the published rates which range from 12 to 25 cents per package. According to applicant, the remainder does not cover carrier's operating costs. WMTB contends that by amending Item 720 to indicate that packages weighing over 15 pounds will be subject to rates which range from 15% to 37 cents per package, CERT can pay 65 percent of that rate for unloading and meet its operating costs and overhead.

Applicant has been informed by CERT that in the event this application is granted and tariff publication is made, CERT would expect to increase its annual gross revenue by approxmately \$9,000. The increase resulting from the proposal herein would not increase CERT'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 the proposed increases in applicant's rates 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, on behalf of Certified Freight Lines, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish increases in Item 720 of its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 127, Cal. P.U.C. No. 39, as specifically proposed in the appendix to 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.

This order shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

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	Dated at	San Francisco	,	California,	this	274
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