

Decision No. S9218 AUG 8 1978

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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
for and on behalf of Milton's)	Tariff Docket
Express, Inc. to amend Items 460)	Application No. 58069
and 467 of Bureau Tariff No. 111)	(Filed May 12, 1978)
which results in increases.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks authority, on behalf of Milton's Express, Inc., (Milton) to increase certain minimum charges contained in WMTB Local Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15.

Applicant states that Milton transports commodities which require temperature control service and that such service requires expensive refrigeration equipment, increased maintenance expense and additional fuel to operate the refrigeration equipment. These expenses have suffered extreme inflation pressures during the last three years, but recent authorized minimum rate increases have excluded temperature control services from the application of surcharges. Due to this situation, these increased expenses are presently being absorbed by Milton. Milton is of the opinion that the higher level of charges as proposed herein and which are similar to those presently being assessed by other carriers more readily reflects their actual cost of performing the service requested.

Milton estimates that in the event this application is granted, annual revenues would increase by approximately \$15,000 and in no event would the proposed publication increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 16, 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, is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of Milton's Express, Inc., increases in Items 460 and 467 of its Local Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, as specifically proposed in Application No. 58069.

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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th
day of AUGUST, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President

William L. Stinson
Charles D. Goble

Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.