

Decision No. 89368

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tar-)
iff Bureau, Inc. under the Short-)
ened Procedure Tariff Docket to)
publish in its Tank Tariff No. 18,)
Cal. P.U.C. No. 24, tariff pro-)
visions resulting in increases in)
rates for the account of Acme)
Transportation, Inc.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 58215
(Filed July 11, 1978)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of Acme Transportation, Inc. (ACTR) to increase the charge to internally clean tank trucks from \$28.65 to \$39.00 per unit of carrier's equipment and to expand the list of commodities to which the charge applies. WMTB proposes to publish the increases in Item 243 of its Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.

Applicant alleges that the charges are provided to recover carrier's out of pocket costs when it becomes necessary to internally clean tank trucks because certain products contaminate the tank vehicle. According to applicant, the carrier must bear this expense to have acceptable equipment for other shippers, and the existing charge is insufficient to recover carrier's costs on cleaning of tanks for the products on which the proposed charge is to apply.

Applicant has been informed by ACTR that in the event this application is granted and tariff publication is made, ACTR would expect to increase its annual gross revenue by approximately \$3,000. The increase resulting from the proposal herein would not increase ACTR's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 13, 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 Acme Transportation, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish increases in Item 243 of its Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24, 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 1978.

Robert Batimuil
President
William Aguirre, Jr.
Yvonne L. Strangem
Charles D. Gosh

Commissioners

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