

Decision No. 89428 SEP 19 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
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)	Tariff Docket
to publish in its Asphalt Tariff)	Application No. 53101
No. 19, Cal. P.U.C. No. 26, tariff)	(Filed May 26, 1978;
provisions resulting in increases)	Amended July 31, 1978)
in rates for the account of Oil-)	
fields Trucking Company.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), on behalf of Oilfields Trucking Company (OITF) requests authority to publish in its asphalt tariff WMTB No. 19 tariff provisions resulting in increases in Items 120 (Demurrage) and 240 (Spreading).

Applicant states that: (a) historically the rates for spreading asphalt within the state have been higher than the rates for transporting shipments of asphalt; (b) shipments transported in spreader type equipment cost the carrier more due to higher equipment costs and smaller payload due to increased equipment weight. The increased equipment weight is caused by the addition of spreader bars and control devices for spreading services.

Applicant avers that the present equipment costs are not reflected in the underlying costs to the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 6-B.

Applicant asserts that OITF desires to establish a higher minimum charge and delay charge so it may more nearly offset costs when the request to spread asphalt is received.

Applicant advises that the increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase OITF's intrastate gross revenue by more than one-half of one percent.

The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of May 30 and August 3, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Oilfields Trucking Company, to publish the increased rates as specifically proposed in the application, as amended.

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 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 effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th
day of SEPTEMBER, 1978.

President
William A. Young, Jr.

Veronica A. Livingston

Charles W. Hinkle

Clare J. Sedwick
Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.