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Decision No. 89800 -DEC 19 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc., under the)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff)	
Docket to publish for and on)	Shortened Procedure
behalf of Viking Freight System,)	Tariff Docket
Inc., a "surcharge item" which)	Application No. 58433
results in increases. Publica-)	(Filed October 25, 1978;
tion to be made in Rules and)	Amended December 7, 1978)
Regulations Section of WMTB)	
Tariff No. 111.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority on behalf of Viking Freight System, Inc. (Viking) to amend Item 5 to its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15. The aforementioned amendment would be in the form of a surcharge of 25 percent on truckload shipments of Paper Diapers (NMF 57260), Sanitary Pads (NMF 148960, sub 5), Toilet Paper (NMF 154412, sub 1), and Paper Towels (NMF 154415, sub 2) moving via Viking from Oxnard to points in the Los Angeles Mileage Territory, as described in Cal. P.U.C. Distance Table 8.

The application is based on the following facts and circumstances: Viking contends that it has been experiencing losses on this substantial quantity of high cubic volume and low density freight; that due to its pickup schedules and its excessive equipment running costs on shipments to the Los Angeles Territory from Oxnard on these commodities it is losing money; and it is losing considerable revenue when its equipment is capable of transporting 40,000 pounds but is tendered a shipment of light and bulky freight loaded to full visible capacity but weighing less than 25,000 pounds.

Applicant asserts that the increase proposed herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Viking by as much as one percent.

The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of October 26, 1978 and December 8, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from the proposal herein are justified. 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., is hereby authorized, on behalf of Viking Freight System, Inc., to publish amendments to Item 5 of its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, 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 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 19th
day of DECEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William J. Quinn
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Robert W. Howell
Clare J. Smith
Commissioners