

Decision No. 90075 MAR 13 1979

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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) )  
to publish for and on behalf of )  
Progressive Transportation )  
Company provisions resulting in )  
increases due to the amendment )  
of a rate item applying to heavy )  
duty low-bed equipment. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 58538  
(Filed December 18, 1978)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, for and on behalf of Progressive Transportation Company (Progressive) to amend Item 1120 of WMTB Local and Proportional Freight Tariff 123, Cal. P.U.C. 32 (Tariff 123) by increasing the charges contained therein in connection with the use of heavy duty low-bed equipment.

Applicant states that: (1) Tariff 123 is a specialized tariff, published for the account of carriers who have specialized in the transportation of oilfield equipment; (2) the transportation of this type of equipment has led to the establishment of rates and charges applicable to commodities requiring low-bed equipment; (3) the transportation of commodities requiring the use of low-bed equipment and the extra labor provided in connection with the equipment for transportation and services is of a specialized nature; and (4) most carriers engaged in this transportation are permitted carriers who, under the provisions of Item 40 of the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 2 covering the statewide movement of general commodities, are exempted from economic regulation when transporting articles on low-bed equipment.

Applicant further states that Progressive had researched its records and found that the charges did not recover carrier's expenses. These increased expenses are presently being absorbed by Progressive. Progressive believes that the level of charges as proposed herein generally reflects their actual costs in performing the services and in the event that the application is granted, they would increase their annual revenue by \$5,000.00.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Progressive by as much as one percent. The amount of increase is within the President's wage/price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 22, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from the proposal herein are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized, on behalf of Progressive Transportation Company, to publish amendments to its Local and Proportional Freight Tariff 123, Cal. P.U.C. 32, as specifically proposed in 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 thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1979.

John E. Boyer  
President  
Vernon L. Sturgeon  
Richard C. Howell  
Clayton J. ...  
Samuel ...  
Commissioners