Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ MAR 1 3 1979



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, under the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to publish increased rates and provisions on behalf of Wills Freight Line, Inc. in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. No. 8.

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 58583
(Filed January 8, 1979)

## OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, O.R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of Wills Freight Line, Inc. (Wills), to cancel participation in Section 1 of Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (PMTB), Local Freight Tariff 17 (Tariff 17), Cal. P.U.C. 8 and in lieu thereof to become a party to the rates and provisions published in Section 1-A of the same tariff. Applicant also requests authority to depart from Sections 461.5 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code.

Applicant states that the rates set forth in Section 1 of Tariff 17 are the same as those prescribed by the Commission in Minimum Rate Tariff 19, but the rates and provisions in Section 1-A of Tariff 17 are the highest applicable of those prescribed by the Commission in either Minimum Rate Tariff 2 or Minimum Rate Tariff 19.

Applicant alleges that in view of the continuing upward spiral of costs, Wills believes that the increases resulting from the proposed change are not excessive. Applicant indicates the basis for this belief rests in the fact that Wills operates from a single terminal, using the same equipment and manpower to handle like shipments within San Francisco and in areas outside of San Francisco. Applicant contends that related labor, administrative, and operating costs are the same regardless of the geographical areas.

According to applicant, shipments moving within the San Francisco area do not represent a preponderance of Wills' annual gross revenue, and if the proposed change is authorized, it is Wills' belief that the increase in revenue would approximate \$3,400. Applicant declares that in no event will the California intrastate revenue of Wills be increased by as much as one percent. The proposed rate increases will result in higher revenues, but the increases are not higher than those allowable under the President's Wage Price Guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 9, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed change is reasonable. 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. O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff
  Bureau, Inc., on behalf of Wills Freight Line, Inc., is hereby
  authorized to cancel participation of Wills Freight Line, Inc. in
  Section 1 and to add Wills Freight Line, Inc. as a participant to
  Section 1-A of Local Freight Tariff 17 of Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau,
  Inc.
- 2. Applicant, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized hereinabove, is authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 461.5 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the rates published under the authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of

MARCM ◀ , 1979.