

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 90177 APR 10 1979

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Applicant of Western Motor Tariff)  
 Bureau, Inc., Agent, under Short-  
 ened Procedure Tariff Docket to )  
 publish for and on behalf of Alco)  
 Transportation Co., provisions )  
 resulting in increases because )  
 of the proposed cancellation of )  
 the applicant carrier from Item )  
 300 (Returned Shipments) in WMTB )  
 Exception Sheet No. 1-B, CA )  
 P.U.C. No. 34. )

Shortened Procedure  
 Tariff Docket  
 Application No. 58665  
 (Filed February 13, 1979)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks authority on behalf of Alco Transportation Co. (Alco) to cancel its participation in Item 300 in Exception Sheet No. 1-B, Cal. P.U.C. No. 34, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that although in prior years only a very small fraction of Alco's traffic involved shipments that had to be returned to the consignor, the number of such shipments is beginning to increase at an alarming rate. Consignees may at their option refuse to accept freight for whatever reason they select. In some instances, freight can be refused simply because the consignee was not in need of the shipment for that day. The shipment could be refused, and another similar order placed for delivery the following week. Alco has been experiencing inflation pressures during recent years and is of the opinion that it can no longer absorb the increased

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<sup>1</sup>Item 300 provides for the return of a refused shipment to its point of origin at one-half of the outbound rate.

expenses it is sustaining as a result of returning shipments to its point of origin at one-half the outbound rate. If this proposal is granted, Alco would assess class rates or specific commodity rates from the appropriate tariffs in which it is a participant. The proposed cancellation of Alco in Item 300 would have no significant effect on the shipping public since there are other carriers which are participants in Item 300.

Alco estimates that the proposed rate change would increase its yearly revenue by approximately \$2,000. The increase resulting from the proposal herein would not increase Alco's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent and, as such, is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 14, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed change is 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 Alco Transportation Co., is hereby authorized to publish in its Exception Sheet No. 1-B, Cal. P.U.C. No. 34, the amendment as specifically set forth in its 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.

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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 100 day of APRIL, 1979.

John E. Bryson  
President  
Hermon L. Stinson  
Robert D. Howell  
Walter J. Delich  
Samuel J. Quinn  
Commissioners