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Decision No. <u>90287</u>

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) K.K.W. Trucking, Inc., a rule on) "single shipment charges" which) result in increases. Publication) to be made in Section 9 of WMTB) Tariff No. 111.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 58758 (Filed March 23, 1979)

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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks authority on behalf of K.K.W. Trucking, Inc. (K.K.W.) to amend Section 9 of WMTB's Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15. The carrier seeks to assess a special charge of \$6.25 per shipment when transporting uncrated new furniture in shipments of 500 pounds or less. This charge would be in addition to all other applicable charges.

The proposed amendment is applicable to situations where K.K.W., while performing pickup services, is required either to pick up a shipment that weighs less than 500 pounds or pick up two or more shipments with an aggregate weight of 500 pounds or less, at one time and place. The carrier avers that the costs for PIOVIDING SUCH Services are no longer compensatory under the present rates and charges, as set forth in the tariff.

K.K.W. further contends that irrespective of the weight tendered, "...more than one man is usually required to load a shipment of blanket wrap furniture not necessarily due to the heaviness of an article but due to its bulkiness." To support this premise, the carrier made a study of its operations for a recent two separate

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months' period in providing Blanket Wrap pickup service. Upon careful analysis of the costs and revenue submitted by the carrier for this test period, it appears that the operations performed by K.K.W. for those specific services are being conducted at a loss.

Applicant asserts that the increase in revenue of approximately \$5,500.00 resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of K.K.W. Trucking, Inc., by as much as one percent. The increase is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 26, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed changes are 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 K.K.W. Trucking, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish amendments to its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, 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 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.

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This order shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this $3^{t_{-}}$ day of ______, 1979.

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