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Decision No. S0394 JUN 5 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff)
Bureau, Inc. to publish for and on)
behalf of System Transport a parti-)
cipant to its Tariff 18, tariff)
provisions resulting in increases)
because of changes in assessing)
charges for transportation at rates)
in Item 400.)

Application No. 58809
(Filed April 18, 1979)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks authority, on behalf of System Transport (System), to publish in its Local Freight Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C No. 24 an amendment which would require that charges computed on a distance basis for the transportation of petroleum products, in bulk, in tank truck, equal or exceed hourly rates.

Applicant states that it is the opinion of System that the existing charges of Item 400 are insufficient to recover its costs on specialized movements of these commodities. In order to more nearly meet expenses it desires to establish the higher basis of rates for its account on these commodities. System is often tendered shipments of commodities which are transported very short distances but require much waiting time, pumping to load and pumping to unload and finally cleaning the tank compartments of the unit of carriers equipment. When the carrier totals all the applicable charges, the amount is short of what the carrier requires to meet costs and enjoy a profit. The application of Item 450 will serve to eliminate this problem since all of carrier's time will be compensated at the rate of \$27.80 per hour.

Applicant has been advised by System that, if there is no loss of traffic, the proposal would increase its yearly revenue by \$75,000, a 6½ percent increase in its California intrastate gross revenue and, as such, is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 19, 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 System Transport, is hereby authorized to publish an amendment to its Local Freight Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. 24 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.

The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of JUNE, 1979.

John E. Bryson
President
Richard D. Hoyle
Edward J. Smith
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Commissioners