

Decision No. 90566 JUL 17 1979

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)	Shortened Procedure
its participating carriers tariff)	Tariff Docket
provisions resulting in increases)	Application No. 58896
because of proposed amendment to)	(Filed May 29, 1979)
wording in Item No. 41 of Local)	
Freight and Express Tariff No. 18,)	
Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24 (Tariff No. 18), to amend the wording published in Item 41, Commodity Rate Group E, of said tariff.

According to applicant, Tariff No. 18 contains rates and rules filed for and on behalf of common carriers and petroleum irregular route carriers for the transportation of bulk petroleum products, as set forth in the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 6-B (MRT 6-B). Except for some rail competitive rates, and a few other rates, rates contained in Tariff No. 18 reflect those in MRT 6-B. Applicant points out that Item 41 lists the estimated weights in pounds per gross gallonage loaded for the various commodity rate groups as set forth in MRT 6-B.

Applicant states that the weights shown generally are on an average of the maximum and minimum weights per gallon as determined at a temperature of 60 degrees and are used to determine the transportation charges to be assessed under the rate section provisions of the tariff. Applicant indicates that an estimated weight of 6.6 pounds per gallon for miscellaneous petroleum products was used

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until amended by Decision 77305, dated June 30, 1970 and was changed to actual weight per gallon. Applicant avers that even though the commodity group applies on actual weight, weight determination is somewhat obscure. For instance, some shippers will provide specific gravity and temperature conversion to determine the weight, while other shippers will provide the weight on a sample gallon, and still other shippers provide a gross weight determined from on-site or off-site scales.

Applicant desires to employ only a scale weight which is certified as accurate and to eliminate the other two of the above methods of weight determination.

Applicant alleges that the proposed provisions will increase the collective yearly revenue of all carriers party to Tariff 18 by approximately \$5,000. The increase resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the carriers' 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 May 31, 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, is hereby authorized to publish amendments to its Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of all carriers party to said tariff, 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 17th day of JULY, 1979.

John E. Burns
President
George L. Steyer
Richard D. Howell
Clare J. Spading
Donald W. Jones
Commissioners