Decision No. **S0567** JUL 17 1979

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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
its participating carriers tariff)
provisions resulting in increases
because of proposed amendment to
wording in Item No. 41 of Local
Freight and Express Tariff No. 18,)
Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.

Shortened Procedure ...
Tariff Docket
Application No. 58893
(Filed May 29, 1979)

## OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), seeks authority to amend the estimated weight for crude oil from 7.3 pounds per gallon to 8.0 pounds per gallon on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.

Applicant states that a review of industry sources indicates that at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, the weight of crude oil will range from a low of 7.54 pounds to a high of 8.30 pounds per gallon. Applicant contends that the weight variation is based upon the specific gravity of the crude which will vary from field to field depending upon the origin point of the crude. The information on the weight of crude oil has been provided by a range of shipper sources for whom crude is transported in California.

Applicant further states, that since the proposed amendment under its proposal is permissive (applies only when specific request is made by the consignor or consignee) the charges are considered to be reasonable and compensate the carrier only for the weight of the commodity transported.

Applicant has determined that in the event this application is granted and the resulting tariff publication is made, the collective dollar amount of increased revenue would approximate \$25,000 annually. In no event will the proposal increase the gross revenue derived by the carriers on whose behalf this application is filed by as much as one percent. The proposal, therefore, 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:

- . l. 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, 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 1777

day of 1979.

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