

Decision No. 90759 AUG 28 1979**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor	)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, to	)	
publish for and on behalf of KKW	)	Application No. 59028
Trucking, Inc., tariff provisions	)	(Filed July 27, 1979)
resulting in increases.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority for and on behalf of KKW Trucking, Inc., (KKW), to amend Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, by increasing rates and charges as follows:

1. (a) Increase rates and charges subject to minimum weights of 500 pounds or more by four percent
- (b) Increase all other rates and charges by five percent.
2. Increase the minimum charge from the rate for 100 pounds to the rate for 200 pounds.
3. Increase the charge for deliveries to private residences from two (2) times the applicable rate to two- and one-half (2½) times the applicable rate.
4. Eliminate Column B rates on Any Quantity shipments.
5. Assess an additional charge of \$2.50 per shipment when carrier is requested to call for an appointment prior to delivery.

KKW alleges that its present rates do not yield sufficient revenue to allow it to conduct its operations at a reasonable profit and additional revenue is required because of increased costs in all phases of operations, the most significant being the increased cost of labor. The amount of the increases are within the President's wage-price guidelines.

KKW's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 89479 dated October 3, 1978 in Case 5603, Petition 213.

Appendix A, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the year ended May 31, 1979 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The appendix disclosed that during the year ended May 31, 1979, applicant realized a profit, after taxes, of \$14,556 and an operating ratio of 99.4 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during this period, KKW would have realized a profit, after taxes, of \$51,618 and an operating ratio of 97.4 percent.

Copies of the application have been served on California Trucking Association, California Manufacturers Association, Department of General Services and the Furniture Manufacturers Association. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 30, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

#### Findings

1. KKW's rates were last adjusted by Decision 89479 dated October 3, 1978 in Case 5603, Petition 213.
2. Since KKW's rates were last adjusted, it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased cost of labor.
3. Under the increases sought herein, KKW estimates it will realize additional revenue of \$206,157 and an operating ratio, after taxes, of 97.4 percent.
4. The proposed increases in KKW's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
5. 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 KKW 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.

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

Dated     AUG 28 1979    , at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byron  
President

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
Robert D. Howell

Lawrence J. Smith  
Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.