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Decision No. _____ NOV 20 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)
its participating carriers tariff)
provisions resulting in increases)
because of proposed increase in)
specified hourly rates. In Item)
No. 450 of Local Freight and)
Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.)
P.U.C. No. 24)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 59137
(Filed September 12, 1979)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, (WMTB) seeks authority on behalf of all carriers, except Allyn Transportation, Co., participating in WMTB's Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24 (WMTB 18) (pertaining to petroleum and petroleum products in tank truck vehicles) to increase the hourly rates as set forth in Item 450 of Section 2 of said tariff by 15 percent. These rates are applicable when a shipper or consignee requests that hourly rates be assessed for its specific needs.

Applicant alleges that the rates in Section 2 of WMTB 18 were originally published, and still have as their purpose, to provide an hourly rate for common carriers when special circumstances exist which make it impractical to charge other rates in the tariff. According to applicant, there are no comparable provisions in the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 6-B. Applicant states that common carriers find it difficult to render service under the present rates when carrier's equipment, driver, extra hose and other equipment are all involved in a loading operation using its pumps to load equipment in a process opposite to the normal gravity flow process.

Applicant avers that the service being offered under the proposal herein is permissive and applies only when a specific request for the service is made by the consignor or consignee. Applicant indicates that it considers the proposed charges reasonable and will compensate the carrier only for the special service rendered.

Applicant states it has been determined that in the event the application is granted and the resulting tariff publication made, the collective dollar amount of increased revenue would approximate \$35,000. In no event would the proposal increase the California intrastate gross of any of the carriers, on whose behalf the application is filed, by as much as one percent. The amount of increase is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar issued September 14, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from the proposal herein are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish the amendments on behalf of all carriers, except Allyn Transportation, Co., participating in its Local 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 the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated NOV 20 1979, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

John E. Bryan
President

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Clare J. Dickel

Arnold J. Ferris
Commissioners