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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc. under the)	Shortened Procedure
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)	Tariff Docket
for and on behalf of Peters Truck)	Application No. 59356
Lines to amend Item 460 of Bureau)	(Filed December 24, 1979)
Tariff No. 111 which results in)	
increases.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), seeks authority on behalf of Peters Truck Lines (Peters) to publish a rule that would increase the minimum charge for shipments weighing less than 500 pounds and requiring temperature control service in WMTB's Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15. For example, the minimum charge for a 275-pound shipment would increase from \$19.45 to \$26.45.

Peters states that it finds the Commission's minimum charges on shipments weighing less than 500 pounds to be less than cost recovering, due to the high cost of refrigeration equipment, maintenance expenses and fuel required to operate the refrigeration equipment. Peters is of the opinion that, if it is to maintain a full service operation to the sparsely populated area it serves, the higher level of charges are necessary in order to return to it a reasonable profit for the services provided.

Applicant has been advised by Peters that granting of the proposal herein will increase its gross California intrastate revenue by approximately \$8,600 annually. This amount would not increase Peters' California intrastate revenue by as much as one percent. The increase is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 2, 1980. 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, on behalf of Peters Truck Lines, is hereby authorized to publish in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, the amendments as set forth in its 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 granted herein 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 MAR 12 1980, at San Francisco, California.

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

John E. Byrne
President
Thomas P. Strang
Charles D. Gussle

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Commissioners