

Decision No. 91581

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of A & B Transportation Services, Inc., under Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to publish tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed transfer of applicant's rates to Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. from another tariff bureau and reissue of a tariff published in carriers own series.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 59300 (Filed November 23, 1979) (Amended February 20, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, A & B Transportation Services, Inc. seeks authority to cancel its participation from tariffs issued by O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (PMTB) and transfer its participation into various tariffs of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB). Applicant also proposes to cancel three tariffs published in its own Cal. P.U.C. Series and publish a new tariff in lieu of individual tariffs.<sup>1/</sup>

Applicant states that it has recently adopted A & B Garment Delivery and Garment Carriers, Inc. Applicant has determined that it would be in its best interest to transfer from issues of PMTB to issues of WMTB. Applicant has also determined that a number of advantages would accrue to itself as a result of the proposed transfer. Due to inherent differences between tariffs issued by PMTB and tariffs issued by WMTB, increases would result in the proposed transfer.

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<sup>1/</sup> The tariffs proposed to be cancelled are:  
 : Local Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (Frank J. Brown, d.b.a. A & B Garment Delivery, Series);  
 : Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2 (Garment Carriers, Inc., Series);  
 : Joint Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3 (Garment Carriers, Inc., Series).

Insofar as the proposal to cancel the individual tariffs is concerned, it is applicant's position that to have three tariffs applicable on the same commodity in different areas of operation is chaotic. A single tariff with different sections is a benefit to both carrier and shipper. However, in order to effect the cancellation, authority is required under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code. The authority to increase is necessary in the area of excessive value charges, collect on delivery charges and San Francisco package rates.

Applicant avers that the granting of this application would result in an increase of approximately \$30,000 and would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent. The increase is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

Copies of the application were furnished to California Manufacturers Association, California Trucking Association, Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. and Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. on or about November 16, 1979. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of November 27, 1979 and February 22, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposals are reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A & B Transportation Services, Inc. is hereby authorized to have its participation canceled from tariffs issued by O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. and to have its participation added to various tariffs issued by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, also to cancel Local Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (Frank J. Brown, d.b.a. A & B Garment Delivery, Series); Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2 (Garment Carriers, Inc., Series); Joint Tariff

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No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3 (Garment Carriers, Inc., Series) and in lieu of the individual tariffs publish A & B Transportation Services, Inc., Tariff ABTB 250, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 as specifically proposed in the application, as amended.

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 effective date of the Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. tariff publications authorized herein shall be concurrent with the effective date of the Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent tariff publications and also the individual tariff publications of applicant.

4. The authority granted by the order 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 APR 15 1980, at San Francisco, California.

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Commissioners

Commissioner John E. Bryson,  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate.