

Decision No. 91585 APR 15 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent,)	
under the Shortened Procedure)	Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket to publish for)	Tariff Docket
and on behalf of Viking Freight)	Application No. 59424
System, Inc. tariff provisions)	(Filed February 4, 1980)
resulting in increased (sic))	
due to the amendment of Item)	
No. 460, Minimum Charges, of)	
Tariff No. 111.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks authority on behalf of Viking Freight System, Inc. (Viking) to amend the Minimum Charge rule as set forth in Item 460 of WMTB's Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 (WMTB 111).^{1/}

Viking seeks to assess a ten percent differential on minimum charge shipments which are transported in excess of 300 miles. This differential, however, would not be assessed when two or more shipments are tendered at one time and place and by one consignor. The carrier alleges that the current charges do not reflect the "excessive terminal handling" that are "normally involved in a less than truckload operation." Therefore, in order to continue providing these specialized services "at a compensatory level," it is seeking to apply the differential on the total charges for small shipments. Similar authorization has been granted with respect to 21 other common carriers.

^{1/} WMTB's Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, names class and commodity rates of general commodities for various participating common carriers.

Viking estimates that the revenue from this proposal, if authorized, would approximate \$52,000 per year. The increases resulting from the proposal would not increase Viking's intrastate gross 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 February 6, 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 and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, on behalf of Viking Freight System, 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 specifically 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 ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten 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 is the date hereof.

Dated APR 15 1980, at San Francisco, California.

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

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