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Decision No. 91935

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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) Kern Valley Trucking, a Corpora-) tion and Nielsen Freight Lines,) provisions resulting in increases) because of publication of a rule) providing for full utilization of) carrier's equipment.)

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 59591 (Filed April 11, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, (WMTB) seeks authority on behalf of Kern Valley Trucking (KERN), a corporation, and Nielsen Freight Lines (NIELSEN) to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 to provide higher rates for the full utilization of carrier's equipment.

Applicant states that KERN and NIELSEN are handling numerous shipments of high-cubic volume, low-density freight wherein a fully adequate utilization of carrier's equipment rule is not being achieved. Applicant alleges that under utilization of the existing rule provides a latent threat to present and future revenues, and that the proposed amendments will provide the shipper with a rule which is more equitable when a shipment does not require a full unit of equipment or involve overflow freight.

WMTB avers that KERN estimates in the event the application is granted, it would increase its annual revenues by approximately \$6,000. NIELSEN estimates that its increase in annual revenues would amount to \$10,000. In no event would the proposed publication increase the California intrastate gross revenues of either of the carriers as much as one percent. The increases are within the President's wage-price guidelines.

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The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 16, 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:

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, on behalf of 1. Kern Valley Trucking, a corporation, and Nielsen Freight Lines, is K 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 is the date hereof.

Dated

at San Francisco, California. President

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

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