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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 Tariff Docket to publish ) for and on behalf of Ruddway ) Drayage, Inc. provisions resulting ) in increases because of the publi- ) cation of a rule providing charges ) for detention on other than truck- ) load shipments. )

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Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 59617 (Filed April 25, 1980)

## OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority for and on behalf of Ruddway Drayage, Inc. (RUDD) to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, regarding detention of equipment on other than truckload shipments.

RUDD proposes to participate in Item 260 of Tariff 111, "Detention - Other Than Truckload", which provides a rule applying to delays of equipment involving shipments weighing less than 10,000 pounds.

RUDD alleges that an increasing number of delays are being experienced on this traffic. The delays tend to be cumulative, causing increased overtime expenses for the carrier and inconvenient delays for other shippers who have freight on the same equipment for later delivery during the day. RUDD is aware that the assessment of a charge itself will not prevent overtime nor preclude inconvenient delays to other shippers; however, past experiences have proven that shippers are reluctant to demand special services when such services are assessed a penalty charge. Shippers will continue to have free time in excess of 25 minutes or more, depending on the actual weight of the shipment for loading and unloading, whereas assessment charges will penalize only those shippers where the time allowance has been exceeded.

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RUDD has determined that the projected increase in revenue that it would derive as a result of this application being granted would approximate \$5,000 annually. This amount would not increase RUDD's annual 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 April 28, 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 Ruddway Drayage, Inc., 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.

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

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.

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