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Decision No. 92287 OCT 8 1980

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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 )  
various carriers, tariff provi- )  
sions resulting in an increase )  
in total freight charges for move- )  
ment of Cement to specified )  
points. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 59827  
(Filed July 24, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks, on behalf of all carriers party to WMTB Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21, to eliminate the provisions of Item 2040 and publish in lieu thereof certain new provisions. WMTB also seeks to amend Item 2020. The amendments pertain to the determination of mileages to points not included in Distance Table 8 for shipments of cement.

WMTB proposes to amend Item 2020 by providing that a point of destination located in northern mountain territory and not located on the governing Distance Table system of maps shall convert the actual mileage by a factor of 2.0 when the route is over asphalt or concrete paved roads and by a factor of 5.0 when the route traversed is over dirt roads. Item 2040 is to be amended by using a factor of 5.0 times the actual mileage to all points of destination beyond Geysers land 2 and also Middletown.

Applicant states that because of the mountainous terrain and difficult access, carriers party to WMTB 17 have maintained exceptions to the governing distance table on traffic moving to Geysers Plants. The exception establishes combination rates over Geysers Power Plant and is published in Item 2040 of WMTB 17. Carriers party to the tariff feel that combination rates are necessary to

produce sufficient revenue for their hauls. However, the provisions of Item 2040 only takes into account existing power plants. It does not allow for new plants that are continuously being constructed within the Geysers Area. Thus, each time a new plant is started an amendment must be made to Item 2040 to include the mileage and number to the new site. The objective of the instant proposal is to eliminate the necessity of amending the item each and every time a new plant is started. It is applicant's opinion that it accomplishes that objective.

The dollar impact of this proposal cannot readily be determined since the amount would vary from new plant to new plant determined by the location of such plant from the base points.

Applicant declares that the proposal to amend Item 2020 results in both increases and reductions. Under the present provisions charges to off highway points are determined by a combination of rates. The proposal provides for a single factor rate determined by a combination of mileages.

Applicant has been advised that if the application is granted the carriers' increased annual gross revenue on intrastate traffic would not increase 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 July 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:


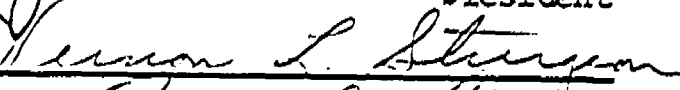
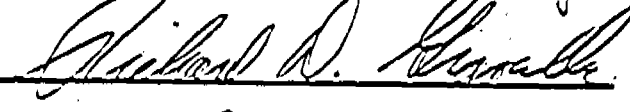
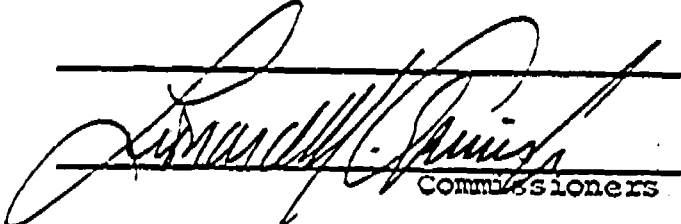
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent is hereby authorized on behalf of participating carriers to amend its Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21 as specifically proposed in the application.

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.

Since the transportation herein concerned has already commenced the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated OCT 8 1980, at San Francisco, California.

  
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Commissioners

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