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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
System 99 provisions resulting in
increases because of proposed
amendment to the minimum charge
provisions.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 59901 (Filed August 25, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

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By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks, on behalf of System 99 (System) authority to change its minimum charge rule in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15.

On two occasions System performed a freight bill sampling of all its shipments weighing less than 300 pounds. From these samplings System has determined that the small minimum charge shipments are transported at less than cost recovering charges. System is of the opinion that there is little or no appreciable difference in handling cost between a 100 pound and a 250 pound shipment, yet there is a considerable difference between the applicable minimum charges.

The proposal provides that the 250 pound minimum applies only when the carrier is tendered a single shipment. The reason is that multiple pickups reduce the carrier's cost. System estimated the dollar amount of revenue increase resulting from this proposal could approximate \$352,100 if shipping patterns remain constant. However,

System does expect, and will encourage, its shippers to accumulate their shipments thus reducing their cost and also the dollar impact of System's increased revenue.

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Applicant has been advised by System that in the event this application is granted and the resulting publication is made, such publication will not increase its gross revenue insofar as California intrastate traffic is concerned by as much as one percent (1%).

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 28, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed change is 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 authorized on behalf of System 99 to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15 as proposed in the application.
- 2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order 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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The authority granted 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.

NOV 4 1980 , at San Francisco, California.