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Decision No. 92473 DEC 2 - 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)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of Nielsen Freight)	Tariff Docket
Lines, provisions resulting in)	Application No. 59887
increases because of proposed)	(Filed August 18, 1980)
amendment to the minimum charge)	
provisions.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks, on behalf of Nielsen Freight Lines (Nielsen) 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 Nielsen performed a freight bill sampling of all its shipments weighing less than 5,000 pounds. From these samplings Nielsen has determined that the small minimum charge shipments are transported at less than cost recovering charges. Nielsen 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 considerable difference between the applicable minimum charge^S

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. Nielsen estimated the dollar amount of revenue increase resulting from this proposal could approximate \$74,560 if shipping patterns remain constant. However,

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

Applicant has been advised by Nielsen 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.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 21, 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:

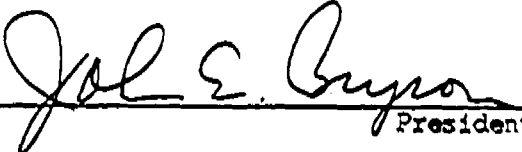
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent is authorized on behalf of Nielsen Freight Lines to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15 as proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be 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.

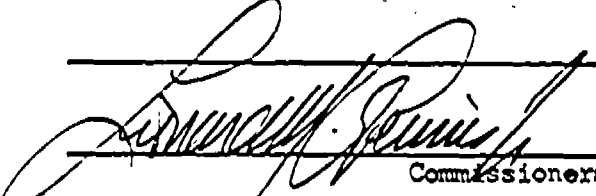
The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated DEC 2-1980, at San Francisco, California.



President





Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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