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Decision No. 92629

JAN 21 1981

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, to publish for and on behalf of W & B Express, Inc., a Carrier to its Rules Tariff No. 3, tariff provisions resulting in increases because of an addition of a Handling Charge Rule.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 60044 (Filed October 30, 1980)

## OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (CWTB) seeks authority for and on behalf of W & B Express, Inc. (W & B) to publish a new handling charge rule in W & B Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

Applicant states W & B is a Section 1063.5 common carrier who recently converted from Radial Highway Common Carrier rights, and prior to becoming a common carrier they assessed a handling charge on shipments where the shipper and consignee requested a pickup or delivery at a job location or installation facility. According to applicant, the handling charge rule was erroneously left out of CWTB tariff filings on behalf of W & B. Applicant further states that the handling charge only applies when a shipper or consignee requests the service.

Applicant indicates that W & B has specifically stated in writing that the application of the handling charge rule would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent. The result of the changes proposed in the application fall

within the Commission's transportation energy efficiency plan as set forth in Decision No. 92541. The amount of increase is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 4, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed changes are justified. The order which follows complies with the highway carrier energy efficiency guidelines. 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. Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent is authorized for and on behalf of W & B Express, Inc. to publish a new handling charge in W & B Express, Inc.'s Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 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.

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 JAN 21 1981, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioners