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Decision No. 92633 JAN 21 1981**ORIGINAL**

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 )  
 Associated Freight Lines, provi- )  
 sions resulting in increases )  
 because of proposed amendment to )  
 charge for pickup and/or delivery )  
 at other than street level, and )  
 the assessment of a higher )  
 hourly charge for services )  
 performed outside normal working )  
 working hours. )

Shortened Procedure  
 Tariff Docket  
 Application No. 60081  
 (Filed November 14, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent seeks to publish amendments to its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 for the account of Associated Freight Lines (Associated).

The increases sought by Associated are: (1) on traffic weighing less than 100 pounds which the carrier is required to pickup or deliver at other than street level with no vehicular elevator or vehicle ramp provided; and, (2) when the carrier is requested to provide services between 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 a.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Associated has determined that the number of shipments under 100 pounds have been increasing. However, the proportion of gross

revenue from these shipments is decreasing when compared with the total number of shipments transported. The study developed that the minimum charges applicable to these shipments do not return the cost of providing the service. When services on these minimum charge shipments are provided beyond street level without additional compensation, the cost of providing the service is further distorted.

Associated's study disclosed that to render services during the 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 a.m. time period entails special arrangements with drivers, helpers, and other employees. This has led to the payment of overtime charges which are presently being partially absorbed by Associated.

Associated proposes that the higher level of charges should reflect its actual cost of performing the services being requested by consignors and consignees. Associated estimates that if the application is granted, its annual gross revenue would increase by approximately \$2,000. In no event will the increase exceed its gross annual intrastate revenue by as much as one percent (1%).

The adjustment of the rates as sought by Associated in this application should cause shippers to review their shipping and receiving practices. Cost savings are available to the shipper/receivers which will in turn result in a fuel-efficient operation for Associated. The increases conform with the guidelines of the transportation energy efficiency plan established in Decision 92541, dated December 16, 1980.

Findings of Fact:

1. Shipments weighing less than 100 pounds have increased.
2. Cost and revenue analysis of the traffic discloses that the revenues received on the less than 100-pound shipments do not return the cost of providing the service.
3. The study disclosed many time-consuming shipments (losses) were caused by services provided to shippers/receivers located beyond street levels.
4. The study further disclosed costs not recovered by services being performed during time periods which require overtime charges.
5. The application was listed on the Commission Daily Calendar of November 11, 1980.
6. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Conclusion:

A public hearing is not necessary. The increases as proposed are reasonable and justified and the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent is authorized on behalf of Associated Freight Lines to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 as proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this 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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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.

John E. Bryson  
President  
Michael W. Hooley  
Louise M. Smith

Commissioners

Signature declined w/ Sarah Lempert