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Decision No. 92636 JAN 21 1981

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 Associated)	Tariff Docket
Freight Lines, provisions resulting)	Application No. 60083
in increases because of proposed)	(Filed November 17, 1980)
amendment to the minimum charge)	
provisions.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks, on behalf of Associated Freight Lines (Associated), authority to change its minimum charge rule (Item 460) in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15.

Associated has determined that the small minimum charge shipments are transported at less than cost-recovering charges. Associated 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 charges.

The proposal provides that the 250-pound minimum charge applies only when the carrier is tendered a single shipment. The reason is that multiple pickups at the same location reduce the carrier's cost. Associated estimated the dollar amount of revenue increase resulting from this proposal could approximate \$5,000 if shipping patterns remain constant. However, Associated expects, and will encourage, its shippers

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to accumulate their shipments thus reducing their cost and also the dollar impact of Associated's increased charges.

WMTB has been advised by Associated that in the event the 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 November 19, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that:

- (1) The proposed change is justified.
- (2) The order which follows complies with the highway carrier energy efficiency guidelines in Decision 92541.
- (3) 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 Associated Freight Lines to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15 as proposed in the application.

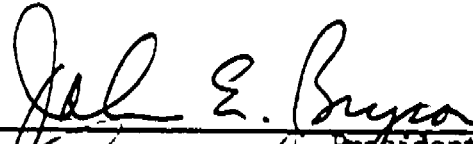
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.


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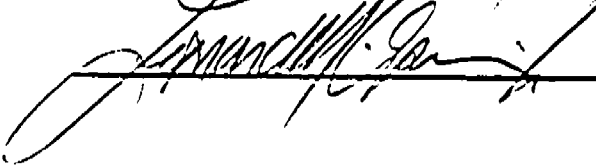
3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated JAN 21 1981, at San Francisco, California.



President




Commissioners