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**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 92637 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 California )	Tariff Docket
Freightways provisions resulting in )	Application No. 60087
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 California Freightways (California), 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.

California performed a freight bill sampling of all its shipments weighing less than 300 pounds. From these samplings, California has determined that the small minimum charge shipments are transported at less than cost-recovering charges. California 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 charge applies only when the carrier is tendered a single shipment. The reason is that multiple pickups of the same location reduce the carrier's cost. California estimated the dollar amount of revenue

increase resulting from this proposal could approximate \$14,000 if shipping patterns remain constant. However, California does expect, and will encourage, its shippers to accumulate their shipments thus reducing their cost and also the dollar impact of California's increased charges.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 20, 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 California Freightways to amend its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15 as proposed in the application.

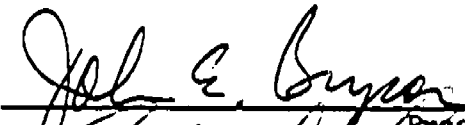

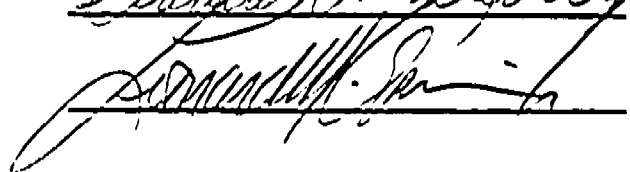
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2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five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

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.

  
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Commissioners