

Decision No. 92635 ; MAR 17 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff)
Bureau, Inc., under Shortened )
Procedure Tariff Docket to publish )
for and on behalf of those carriers)
specifically set forth in Appendix,)
provisions resulting in increases )
because of the publication of an )
exception to the minimum charge )
provisions. )

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 60211
(Filed January 23, 1981)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks, on behalf of California Motor Express, Ltd., California Motor Transport, Co., Delta Express, Delta Lines, Inc., G.I. Trucking Company, and Sterling Transit Company, Inc. 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.

Carriers party to this application have determined that the small minimum charge shipments are transported at less than cost-recovering charges. Applicant carriers state 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 carriers are tendered a single shipment. The reason is that multiple pickups at the same location reduce the carriers' cost. Applicant carriers estimate that the dollar amount of revenue increase resulting from this proposal could approximate the amounts as shown in Appendix A. However, applicant carriers expect, and will encourage, their shippers to accumulate their shipments thus reducing their cost and also the dollar impact of applicant carriers' increased charges.

Applicant carriers state that this proposal is not considered to be a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2 of the Public Utilities Code. If anything, consolidating shipments will tend to reduce trips and energy consumption.

WMTB has been advised by applicant carriers that in the event the application is granted and the resulting publication is made, it will not increase their 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 January 28, 1981. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposal will provide an incentive to shippers to consolidate small shipments and, if they avail themselves of it, can increase carrier efficiency and reduce fuel consumption. X

2. There is little or no difference in the handling cost between a 100-pound and a 250-pound shipment. X

3. The proposed changes are justified. V

4. The following order complies with the Commission's Energy Efficiency Plan. |

5. 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 Motor Express, Ltd., California Motor Transport, Co., Delta Express, Delta Lines, Inc., G.I. Trucking Company, and Sterling Transit Company, Inc. 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.

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 MAR 17 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Brown  
President  
Richard D. Hooper  
Loren M. Smith  
Charles E. Calve

Commissioners

APPENDIX A

<u>CARRIERS</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE DOLLAR INCREASE IN REVENUE PER YEAR</u>
California Motor Express, Ltd. ) California Motor Transport, Co. )	\$250,000
Delta Express ) Delta Lines, Inc. )	200,000
G.I. Trucking Company	100,000
Sterling Transit Company, Inc.	75,000

(END OF APPENDIX A)