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Decision

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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 Viking Freight)
 System, Inc., provisions resulting)
 in increases because of proposed)
 amendment to the Split Pickup)
 provisions in Tariff 170.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application 60425
 (Filed April 6, 1981)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.,
 (WMTB), Agent for and on behalf of Viking Freight System, Inc.
 (Viking), requests authority to publish exceptions to Items 110,
 (Definition of Technical Terms), and 905-1, Paragraph (c) 4 of
 WMTB Tariff WMT 170. Exceptions to apply ^{to} Viking only.

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Item 110 (Definition of Technical Terms) in WMT 170 now
 reads that a "split pickup shipment means a shipment...picked up by a
 carrier within a period of two calendar days..." The pickup charge
 rule contained in Paragraph (c) 4 in Item 905-1 of WMT 170 now reads
 "...picked up by carrier during two calendar days..." The Split
 Delivery Charge Rule, Paragraph (5) of Item 900-1 in WMT 170 limits
 the pickup time to one calendar day. According to WMTB "Viking is of
 the opinion that split pickup, being the exact transportation service
 of split delivery, should have the same pickup time limitation."

WMTB avers that the current two-day calendar pickup provision in Item 905-1 gives a shipper the opportunity to reduce its transportation costs (on split pickups) by consolidating shipments that are not ready for pickup by Viking the first day. WMTB alleges this results in a saving for the debtor (party paying freight charges) but results in a doubling of Viking's costs for the pickup which reduces Viking's revenue substantially; while Viking does provide split delivery service for shippers conforming to the one-day pickup rule, thereby saving debtors transportation costs.

Viking estimates that the dollar amount of revenue increase resulting from the proposal could approximate \$26,000. WMTB states that Viking will continue to encourage shippers to accumulate split pickup shipments for the savings to both carrier and debtor.

WMTB further alleges that in no event would the proposed publication increase Viking's California gross revenue by as much as 1%.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposed changes are justified because they match costs with service.
2. The following order complies with the guidelines in the Commission's ~~highway-carrier~~ Energy Efficiency Plan. ✓
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3. A public hearing is not necessary.

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Conclusion of Law

The tariff changes are reasonable and the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

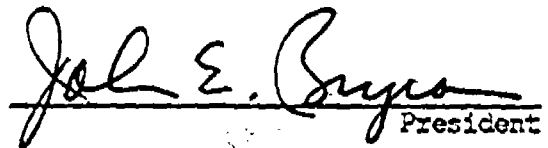
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is authorized to publish for and on behalf of Viking Freight System, Inc., the amendments as specifically proposed in the application.

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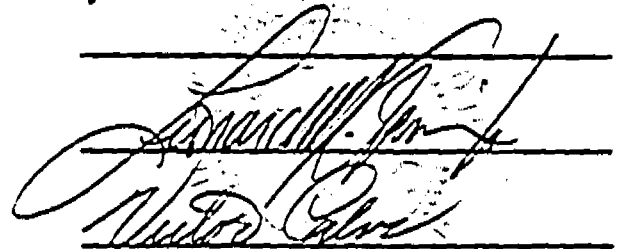
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JUL 7 1981, at San Francisco, California.



President



Commissioner



Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.