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Decision 93335 JUL 22 1981

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff)	
Bureau, Inc., under Shortened)	
Procedure Tariff Docket to publish)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of Pozas Bros.)	Tariff Docket
Trucking Co., provisions resulting)	Application 60589
in increases because of the publica-)	(Filed May 22, 1981)
tion of an exception to the minimum)	
charge provisions.)	

O P I N I O N

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB) seeks, on behalf of Pozas Bros. Trucking Co. (Pozas), authority to change its minimum charge rule (Item 610) in its Tariff 170, CA PUC 51, by adding Pozas to Paragraph (K).

Pozas has determined that small minimum charge shipments are transported at less than cost-recovering charges. Pozas states 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 Pozas is tendered a single shipment. The reason is that multiple pickups at the same location reduce the carriers' cost. Pozas estimates that the dollar amount of revenue increase

resulting from this proposal could approximate \$28,600. However, Pozas expects, and will encourage, its shippers to accumulate their shipments thus reducing their cost and also the dollar impact of Pozas' increased charges.

Pozas alleges 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 Pozas that in the event the application is granted and the resulting publication is made, it will not increase its gross revenue insofar as California intra-state traffic is concerned by as much as 1%.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 27, 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.

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

3. The proposed changes are justified.
4. The following order complies with the guidelines in the Commission's Energy Efficiency Plan.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The tariff changes are just and reasonable 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 Pozas Bros. Trucking Co., to amend its Tariff 170, CA PUC 51 as proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than 5 days after the effective date of this order on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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3. The authority granted shall expire unless exercised within 90 days after the effective date of this order.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JUL 22 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bayne
President
Robert A. Good
Lawrence W. Harris
Victor Calvo
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