

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC.)
For Approval on Short Notice, on)
Behalf of Bering Sea Eccotech, Inc.)
WMTB Rate Notice No. 4529-14 BER.)

ORDER NO. 22336

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The commission approves on short notice Rate Notice No. 4529-14 BER, filed by WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC. ("WMTB"), on behalf of BERING SEA ECCOTECH, INC. ("Bering Sea"), on March 10, 2006.¹

WMTB, on behalf of Bering Sea, seeks the commission's approval on short notice to: (1) flag out Bering Sea from the ten (10) percent rate increase approved for WMTB's Local Specialized Freight ("LSF") Tariff No. 14;² and (2) increase by 1.5 percent the rates charged by Bering Sea to transport fuel oil to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.'s ("HECO") Kahe, Waiiau, and Honolulu power plants.³ WMTB makes its request pursuant to

¹Bering Sea is authorized to operate as a common carrier of specific commodities (black oil) over irregular routes on the island of Oahu. See Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2153-C.

²See Order No. 22119, filed on November 10, 2005. Bering Sea represents that it did not increase its rates as authorized by Order No. 22119. Thus, it seeks to flag out of this authorized increase in rates.

³Rate Notice No. 4529-14 BER, filed on March 10, 2006.

Hawaii Revised Statutes § 271-21(c) and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-63-18, with a proposed effective date of March 17, 2006.

Under Bering Sea's existing contract with HECO, the property carrier transports fuel oil to HECO's Kahe, Waiiau, and Honolulu power plants at rates ranging from \$1.10 per barrel to \$2.925 per barrel.⁴ Bering Sea, pursuant to the terms of the contract, intends to continue transporting fuel oil to HECO's three (3) power plants at new rates ranging from \$1.127 per barrel to \$2.969 per barrel, representing a 1.5 percent across-the-board increase in the existing rates.⁵

Consistent with the terms of the contract and HECO's need for fuel oil, WMTB seeks the commission's approval for Bering Sea to implement its new rates on short notice, effective from March 17, 2006.⁶ The commission finds good cause to grant WMTB's request for approval on short notice.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Rate Notice No. 4529-14 BER, filed on March 10, 2006, is approved on short notice, to be effective from March 17, 2006.

⁴See WMTB's LSF Tariff No. 14, 6th revised page 61, issued on January 21, 2005, effective on January 28, 2005.

⁵See WMTB's LSF Tariff No. 14, 7th revised page 61, issued on March 10, 2006, with a proposed effective date of March 17, 2006.

⁶See Rate Notice No. 4529-14 BER, filed on March 10, 2006, at 2.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 17 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael Azama
Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22336 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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DATED: MAR 17 2006