BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC. )

For Authority to Implement Tariff )
Changes on Short Notice, on Behalf )
of Motor Carriers Statewide that )
Participate in Joint Division )
Tariff No. 7-B. WMTB Rate Notice )
No. 4407-7-B. )

DOCKET NO. 04-0023

ORDER NO. 20781

Filed ________, 2004
At 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk, Public Utilities
Commission, State of Hawaii.
ORDER

I.

Background

A.

Rate Notice No. 4397-1-B

WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC.'s ("WMTB") Rate Notice No. 4397-1-B, filed on December 19, 2003, recently took effect on January 19, 2004, upon thirty (30)-day statutory notice, pursuant to: (1) the commission's Zone of Reasonableness pilot program;¹ and (2) Order No. 20765, filed on January 16, 2004. Rate Notice No. 4397-1-B implements an across-the-board, seven (7) per cent statewide increase in rates and charges for property carriers that participate in WMTB's household goods Tariff No. 1-B ("Tariff No. 1-B"), excluding Island Movers, Inc.

¹See Decision and Order No. 20704, filed on December 5, 2003, in Docket No. 03-0245 (Zone of Reasonableness established).
B.  

Rate Notice No. 4407-7-B  

WMTB seeks the commission's approval on short notice of its corresponding Joint Division Tariff No. 7-B ("Tariff No. 7-B"), by Rate Notice No. 4407-7-B, filed on January 20, 2004, as amended on January 23, 2004. WMTB makes its request pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 271-21(c) and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-63-18. It proposes an effective date of January 28, 2004.  

WMTB explains that while Tariff No. 1-B contains the majority of rates and charges for the statewide transport of household goods, Tariff No. 7-B contains the rates the participating carriers use to divide the total household goods freight charges between the originating and destination carriers. WMTB, however, inadvertently neglected to file its rate notice for Tariff No. 7-B concurrently with Rate Notice No. 4397-1-B. Thus, WMTB seeks the commission's approval of Rate Notice No. 4407-7-B on short notice. Rate Notice No. 4407-7-B contains the corresponding seven (7) per cent statewide increase in rates and charges for the property carriers that participate in Tariff No. 1-B, excluding Island Movers, Inc.  

II.  

Approval on Short Notice  

The commission finds good cause to grant WMTB's request for approval on short notice.
III.

Order


DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 29th day of January, 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By
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. 20781 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: January 29, 2004

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