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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) W. J. Tannahill, M. F. Tannahill,) and E. J. Tannahill, copartners doing) business under the name and style of) W. Tannahill & Sons, for authority to) charge less than minimum rates.)

Application No. 21909 (15th Supplemental)

FIFTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants hold city carrier and highway contract carrier permits. They transport lumber and other forest products for the Owens-Parks Lumber Company from Vernon to points within a 30-mile radius of that City. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized them to deviate from the established minimum rates in connec-. tion with this transportation. Their present authorization is scheduled to expire December 31, 1952. Permission is now sought to continue to observe the rates designated in that authorization for a further one-year period.

The verified supplemental application, as amended, alleges that the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain; that increased costs experienced in 1952 were offset by a nine percent increase in the authorized rates; that, with this rate adjustment, operations under the authorized basis have been compensatory; that the upward rate adjustment together with an increase in the shipper's volume of business will increase applicants' gross operating income for 1953; and that in the aggregate costs will be slightly less for 1953.

In the circumstances, the continued application of the rates now authorized may reasonably be expected to result in profitable operations in 1953.

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It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the sought extension of applicants: authority is justified and should be granted. In order to prevent a lapse of applicants: authority, the order herein will be made effective December 31, 1952.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted W. J. Tannahill, M. F. Tannahill and E. J. Tannahill, copartners doing business as W. J. Tannahill & Sons, by Decision No. 47289 of June 17, 1952, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to December 31, 1953, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective Docembor 31, 1952. Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 16716 day of December, 1952.

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