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Decision No. <u>49778</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation) into the rates, rules, regulations,) charges, allowances and practices) of all common carriers, highway) carriers and city carriers relating) (Peto the transportation of general) commodities (commodities for which) rates are provided in Highway) Carriers' Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432 (Pet. No. 27)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decisions Nos. 47801 and 48289, in Case No. 4808, Al Blasi, a highway common carrier, was authorized to publish a rate lower than the established minimum rate for the transportation of lumber from Willits and points within one mile thereof to San Francisco and Oakland. The published rate of 28 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 42,000 pounds, expires March 9, 1954. Petitioner now seeks authority to publish a rate of 28² cents for that transportation for a further one-year period.

The petition alleges that the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain, that increases in operating costs would be offset by the proposed higher rate and that operations under that rate will be profitable. However, petitioner's allegations are not fully persuasive that authority should be granted for the full period sought without further investigation. Petitioner will be authorized to establish the sought rate for a 60-day period. Because of the expiration date of the present rate the order herein will be made effective immediately and authority to make the tariff filing on two days' notice will be granted.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that AL Blasi, an individual, be and he is hereby authorized, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file a rate of $28\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 42,000 pounds, to expire 60 days after the date hereof, for the transportation of lumber from Willits and points located within one mile thereof to points located within the pickup and delivery zones of San Francisco and Oakland, as described in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 (Appendix "D" to Decision No. 31606 as amended).

This order shall become effective on the date hereof. Dated at Los Angeles, California, this <u>9719</u> day of March, 1954.

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