

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 5314S

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
LESTER J. and JOHN H. GEIJSBEEK, a)
copartnership, doing business as)
GEIJSBEEK TRUCKERS, for authority)
to publish a rate lower than the)
minimum for the transportation of)
Lumber and Forest Products between)
Chico and lumber mills located in)
the vicinity of Mineral and Lyman)
Springs.)

Application No. 34010
(Third Supplemental)

INTERIM SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding authorized applicants to publish rates lower than the established minimum rates for the transportation of rough lumber from the Diamond Match Company's mill at Lyman Springs and Brown Bros.' mill near Mineral, both in Tehama County, to Chico. The published rates of 13½ and 15½ cents per 100 pounds, respectively, minimum weight 42,000 pounds, expired May 17, 1956.

By supplemental application filed May 4, 1956, authority is sought to continue to maintain rates lower than the minimum. Applicants propose to increase the 13½-cent rate to 14 cents. No change is proposed in the 15½-cent rate. Applicants also seek authority to make the necessary tariff filings on one day's notice.

The supplemental application states that, except for certain increased costs, the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified publication of reduced rates still obtain. Applicants assert that the cost increases have affected the transportation from the mill at Lyman Springs to a greater extent than that from Brown Bros.' mill and that the proposed higher rate would offset the increased costs. The applicants

declare that operations under the proposed rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable.

The applicants operate as a highway common carrier. They seek authority to establish and maintain the proposed rates in their own tariff. If so established, the rates in effect become the lawful minimum rates for other carriers under the alternative provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

In the circumstances, applicants will be authorized to establish the proposed rates for a 120-day period. In the meantime, the supplemental application will be set for public hearing in order to determine whether the rates should be continued thereafter. In order that appropriate revision may then be made of the minimum rate tariff, should the evidence warrant, Case No. 5432 will be scheduled for hearing on a common record with the supplemental application.

Inasmuch as rates as published in applicants' tariff expired May 17, 1956, the following order will be made effective on the date hereof and applicants will be authorized to amend their tariff on not less than two days' notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lester J. and John H. Geijsbeek, copartners doing business as Geijsbeek Truckers, be and they are hereby authorized, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file, to expire September 14, 1956, a rate of 14 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 42,000 pounds, for the transportation of rough lumber from Diamond Match Company's mill at Lyman Springs (Tehama County) to Chico; and a rate of 15½ cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight

42,000 pounds, for the transportation of rough lumber from Brown Bros.' mill situated on State Highway No. 36 about 1.4 miles west of Mineral (Tehama County) to Chico.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof:

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of May, 1956.

President
Justus J. Casner

Ralph L. Interim

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R. Hardy

Commissioners