

Decision No. 53284

ORIGINAL

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)
to the transportation of general)
commodities (commodities for which)
rates are provided in Minimum Rate)
Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432
(Petition No. 32)
(Third Supplemental)

INTERIM SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Winans Bros. Trucking Co., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of lumber. By Decision No. 51989 of September 27, 1955, a predecessor partnership was authorized to publish a rate lower than the established minimum rate for the transportation of lumber and forest products from Hayfork (Trinity County) to Redding. The published rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 30,000 pounds, expires July 4, 1956. By this supplemental petition, the corporation seeks permission to continue to maintain this rate for a further one-year period.

The supplemental petition states that if the requested relief is not granted, petitioner will lose the traffic to proprietary trucks. Petitioner alleges that the 18-cent rate should be extended for the further one-year period "due to the favorable operating conditions prevailing in the Hayfork-Redding service, ... the benefits derived from continued highway improvements, the reasonableness of the rate, and the adequateness of the revenue from the operation." Petitioner declares that operations under that rate have been profitable during the past year and are expected to continue to be profitable during the ensuing year.

In the circumstances, petitioner will be authorized to establish the proposed rate for a 120-day period. In the meantime, the supplemental petition will be set for public hearing in order to determine whether the rate 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 petition.

Inasmuch as the published rate expires on July 4, 1956, the order will be made effective on the date hereof, and the tariff filing will be authorized to be made on one day's notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Winans Bros. Trucking Co. be and it is hereby authorized, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file a rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 30,000 pounds, to expire November 1, 1956, for the transportation of lumber and forest products from Hayfork to Redding.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of

June, 1956.

John E. Walker
President

Justus J. Casner

Ray L. Winters

Walter B. Bole

Commissioners