## ORIGINAL

Decision No. 53344

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BIGGE DRAYAGE CO., a corporation, for authority to depart from minimum rates, rules and regulations applicable in connection with certain transportation to be performed for RAYMOND CONCRETE PILE CO.

Application No. 37994

## OPINION AND CRDER

Applicant holds highway contract and city carrier permits. It transports pile driving equipment, material and supplies for Raymond Concrete Pile Co. throughout the area in California north of the southern boundaries of the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kings, Tulare and Inyo. By this application, authority is sought to deviate from the established minimum rates under Sections 3666 and 4015 of the Public Utilities Code. Applicant proposes to assess hourly rates of \$7.50 for service performed during normal working hours and \$9.50 at other times. In addition to these hourly charges, applicant would assess a charge of 28 cents for each mile the equipment is operated.

Raymond Concrete Pile Co. is a contracting pile driver operating throughout northern California. Applicant states that, due to the nature of Raymond's operations, rates based on weight and distance are inappropriate, and that the proposed rates will be equitable to both the carrier and the shipper. From a cost study submitted with the application, it appears that operations under the proposed rates would return costs and make provision for profit. The application describes various unusual conditions and circumstances surrounding the operations herein involved.

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

The special rate authority herein sought and granted is not applicable to common carrier services. Applicant holds a permit as a radial highway common carrier as well as a contract carrier. In addition, applicant has filed Application No. 36284 seeking a state-wide certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a highway common carrier of machinery, equipment, materials and supplies. Section 3542 of the Public Utilities Code forbids carriers to operate both as a common carrier and as a highway contract carrier of the same commodities between the same points. The authority hereinafter granted will contain necessary restrictions to avoid conflict with the statutory prohibitions. Because the conditions which justify the granting of the sought authority may change, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one year, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Bigge Drayage Co., a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to transport pile driving equipment, material and

Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code reads as follows:

"If any highway carrier other than a common carrier desires to perform any transportation or accessorial service at a lesser rate than the minimum established rates, the commission shall, upon finding that the proposed rate is reasonable, authorize the lesser rate."

supplies between all points in California north of the southern boundaries of the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kings, Tulare and Inyo for Raymond Concrete Pile Co. at rates and charges which differ from those established as minimum, but not less in volume and effect than, and corresponding in form to, those set forth in Appendix "A" which is attached hereto and by this reference is made a part hereof.

- (2) That any transportation performed by applicant as a radial highway common carrier of the same commodities between the same points shall be cause for revocation of the authority herein granted.
- (3) That, if, during the period that the authority herein granted is in effect, the aforesaid applicant should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity the authority herein granted, insofar as it shall apply on the same commodities between the same points as provided by said certificate, shall be canceled, said cancellation to be effective as of the effective date of the rates on the commodities, and applicable between the points, involved herein, filed pursuant to the acceptance of said certificate.
- (4) That, subject to the provisions of the immediately preceding ordering paragraph herein, the authority herein granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this day of July,

1956.

## APPENDIX "A" TO DECISION NO. Rates to apply to transportation of Articles described in current WESTERN CLASSIFIC ATION under heading, "Contractor's Outfits", Items 34755 through 34775, inclusive. Also: Pile Shells, nested and un-nested, Reinforcing Steel, Steel H. Piles, Steel Sheet Piles, Concrete Piles, Pipe Piles, Wooden Piles, Pile Cut-offs for Raymond Concrete Pile Co. between all points in California north of the southern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kings, Tulare and Inyo Counties. These rates apply to transportation performed with 3 axle gas driven tractors and 2 axle 35 ft. flat bed semi-trailers.

- C. Rates for service performed between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday except on New Years, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Admission Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
  - (1)\$7.50 per hour including driver only.
  - In addition to the hourly charge provided in C(1) a charge of  $\psi.28$  per mile will be made for each mile the equipment (2) is operated.
  - The hourly charge shall include all time from dispatch of equipment until its return to terminal, except, that, time during which equipment is not in service by reason of break-(3) down and time during which the driver is not being compensated by the carrier shall be excluded.
  - (4)The mileage charge shall include all miles that the equipment is operated during the period from its dispatch until its return to carrier's terminal.
  - (5) All bridge tolls involved in movement to be paid by shipper in addition to hourly and mileage charges.
  - (6) Subsistence of driver at rate of \$6.00 per night to be paid by shipper in addition to all other charges for each night driver is absent from home terminal in service of shipper.
- Rates for service performed at times other than those specified in C(1):P
  - \$9.50 per hour including driver only.
  - (2) All other charges shall be the same as specified in paragraph C.

END OF APPENDIX A