

ORIGINALDecision No. 57173

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of JOHN BRUNELLO and RITZ BRUNELLO,)	
co-partners doing business as JOHN)	Application No. 40163
BRUNELLO AND SON, for Authority to)	
Depart from the Provisions of)	
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

John Brunello and Ritz Brunello, co-partners doing business as John Brunello and Son, operate as a highway contract carrier. They are engaged in the transportation of rough redwood and rough green fir lumber from the southern half of Del Norte County to Arcata. By this application they seek authority to use estimated weights instead of being required to obtain actual weights on these shipments.

Applicants state that along the routes of movement there are no scales which issue certified weight certificates; that the nearest scale of this type is located in Eureka, approximately nine miles south of Arcata; and that weighing of the loads would thus require off-route travel of approximately 18 miles per round trip. Applicants also state that on the basis of years of experience they have calculated the average weight of rough green redwood lumber transported by them to be four and one-half pounds per board foot, and that of rough green fir lumber to be three and one-half pounds per board foot.

Notice of the filing of the application was given to competing carriers. No objection to its being granted has been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

In the circumstances herein involved, it appears that the requirement of weighing each shipment places an unwarranted burden on applicants. The use of the estimated weights as developed by

applicants appears proper. The Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that applicants' proposal is reasonable. The application will be granted. Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, 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 ORDERED:

(1) That John Brunello and Ritz Brunello, co-partners doing business as John Brunello and Son, be and they are hereby authorized, in lieu of securing actual weight of shipments of lumber transported from Del Norte County to Arcata, to use estimated weights of four and one-half pounds per board foot for rough green redwood lumber and three and one-half pounds per board foot for rough green fir lumber.

(2) That 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 12th day of August, 1958.

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Commissioners