

Decision No. 59851

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
H. A. ROCHLITZ and E. J. ROCHLITZ,)
Co-partners doing business as H. A.)
& E. J. ROCHLITZ TRUCKING, for)
Authority to Depart from the)
Provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 2.)

Application No. 41879

OPINION AND ORDER

H. A. Rochlitz and E. J. Rochlitz, co-partners, doing business as H. A. and E. J. Rochlitz Trucking, operate as a high-way contract carrier. They are engaged in the transportation of dry and green fir lumber from Hoopa to Arcata. By this application, filed January 22, 1960, they seek authority to use estimated weights instead of being required to obtain actual weights on these shipments, as required by Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

Applicants state that there is no public scale available to issue certified weights of applicants' loaded trucks along the route of movement; that the nearest scale of this type is located in Eureka, approximately ten miles south of the terminal point of applicants' haul; and that weighing of the loads would thus require off-route travel of approximately twenty miles per round trip, incurring heavy expenses due to the additional mileage and standby time while waiting in line for weighing.

Applicants aver that on the basis of years of experience they have determined that one-half of all lumber hauled by them is green fir and the other half thereof is dry, and that the

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average weight of the lumber so transported is 3.04 pounds per board foot.

The application shows that copies of the application were served on competing carriers. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears that the requirement of weighing each shipment places an unnecessary burden on applicants. The use of the estimated weight 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. A public hearing is not necessary.

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 H. A. Rochlitz and E. J. Rochlitz are hereby authorized, in lieu of securing actual weights of shipments of dry and green fir lumber transported from Hoopa to Arcate, to use an estimated weight of 3.04 pounds per board foot.


(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire April 18, 1961 unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.


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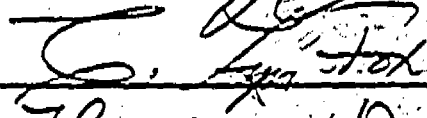
This order shall become effective twenty days after the ✓
date hereof.


Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day
of March, 1960.



President








Commissioners