

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 60193

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into the rates, rules and regulations, charges, allowances, and practices of all common carriers, highway carriers and city carriers relating to the transportation of any and all commodities between and within all points and places in the State of California (including, but not limited to, transportation for which rates are provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432  
Petition for Modification  
No. 184

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Winans Bros. Trucking Co., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of lumber. As authorized by Decision No. 58620, dated June 16, 1959, in this proceeding, it established a rate lower than the minimum rate otherwise applicable for the transportation of lumber and forest products from Hayfork (Trinity County) to Redding. The authorized rate so established by Winans Bros. Trucking Co. is 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 34,000 pounds. It is scheduled to expire July 4, 1960. By this petition, filed May 10, 1960, the carrier seeks authority to continue to maintain a rate less than the minimum rate but to reduce the authorized rate to 16½ cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 53,000 pounds.

The petition asserts that if the sought rate is authorized, petitioner is assured of the continuation of this business; otherwise, the shipper will revert to proprietary operations. Petitioner states that it has purchased new equipment for this transportation capable of transporting in excess of 53,000 pounds. Otherwise, the favorable transportation characteristics which are of record in connection with the transportation in question continue to exist. Petitioner avers that this transportation has been profitable, but that under the proposed rate it will enjoy a more substantial profit. It also avers that no increases in wages are anticipated but that, with the new equipment, a better use factor will result because the number of round trips per day will be reduced.

The minimum rates for the transportation of lumber, railroad ties, and timbers between the points in question as set forth in Item No. 690-M of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 are 24 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 34,000 pounds, and 19 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 44,000 pounds. Thus, petitioner is proposing to establish a lower rate with a higher minimum weight for this transportation. By publishing the sought rate as a highway common carrier if authorized to do so, the reduced rate would become the minimum rate between those points by application of the alternative application provisions in Item No. 200 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

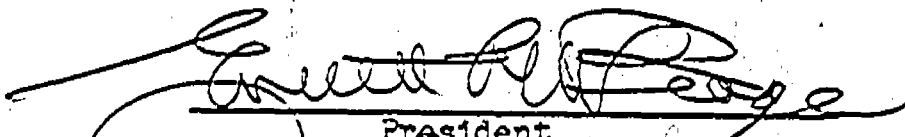
It appears that this petition should be set for a public hearing for the receipt of evidence relative to the proposal herein. Meanwhile, the previous authority will be continued for a period of 90 days.

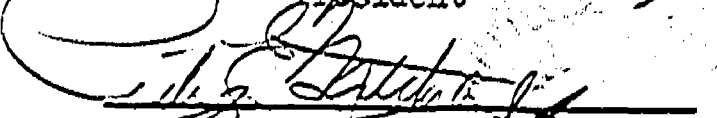
Therefore, good cause appearing,

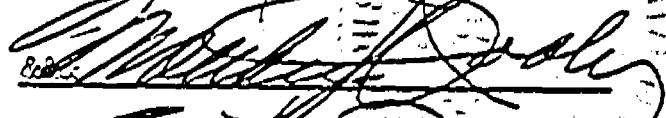
IT IS ORDERED that Winans Bros. Trucking Co., a corporation, is hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish a rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 34,000 pounds, to expire October 2, 1960, for the transportation of lumber and forest products from Hayfork (Trinity County) to Redding.

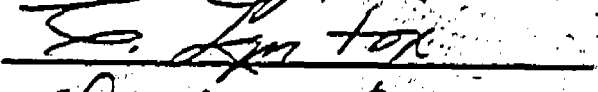
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

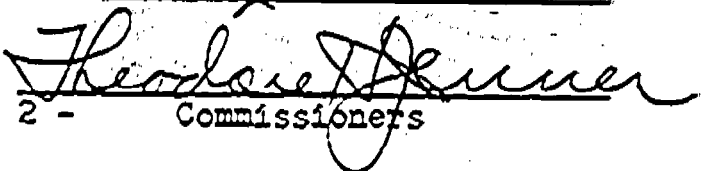
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of May, 1960.

  
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President

  
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