

ORIGINALDecision No. 60293

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 DEVINE & SON TRUCKING CO., a corpo-)
 ration, for authority under Section)
 3666 of the Public Utilities Code to)
 assess and collect transportation)
 charges based on rates lower than)
 the minimum rates heretofore estab-)
 lished by the Commission.)

Application No. 42197

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application, filed April 26, 1960, Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, seeks authority as a highway contract carrier, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to transport wood chips for Glenco Forest Products Company from Elk Creek (Glenn County) to Ukiah at a rate less than the minimum rate and on a different unit of measurement.

Applicant proposes to assess a rate of \$8.03 per unit of 200 cubic feet of wood chips, subject to a minimum load of 11½ units. The present minimum rate is 28 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 36,000 pounds. The application states that a unit of 200 cubic feet of wood chips will vary in weight from 3,300 to 4,000 pounds, depending upon the type of timber used and its moisture content.

The application shows that Glenco Forest Products Company has operated a lumber mill at Elk Creek since 1951, and in April 1960 installed a wood chipping facility. Applicant states that the

wood chips will be transported in open top trailers of 2,600 cubic feet capacity and that the 13 units of wood chips as originally loaded will become compacted during the haul so that 12 units are delivered. A cost study prepared by applicant shows that the cost to applicant of transporting each load amounts to \$88.36 and that the revenue for 12 units under the proposed rate would amount to \$96.36, resulting in an operating ratio of 91.7 percent.

Copies of the application were served on interested parties. No objection to its being granted has been received. It does not appear that a public hearing is necessary.

In the circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed rate 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 Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to transport wood chips, in bulk, for Glenco Forest Products Company, from Elk Creek to Ukiah at a rate of \$8.03 per unit of 200 cubic feet of wood chips, subject to a minimum of 11½ units per shipment, in lieu of the minimum rates otherwise applicable.

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 25th day of January, 1960.

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 President

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 Commissioners