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Decision No.__60625



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 car-riers relating to the transportation of any and all commodities between and within) Petition for Modification 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 No. 193

OPINION AND ORDER

Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of lumber. By Decision No. 58843 dated August 4, 1959, in Case No. 5+32, Petition for Modification No. 155, it was authorized to publish a rate of 19 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 43,000 pounds, for the transportation of lumber from Elk Creek (Glenn County) to Sacramento, which rate is lower than the established minimum rate for this transportation. The authorized rate is published to expire September 14, 1960. By this petition, filed July 20, 1960, authority is sought to continue to maintain a rate less than the minimum rate for a further one-year period but to increase the authorized rate to 192 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 43,000 pounds.

Petitioner alleges that the transportation involved has produced revenues more than sufficient to defray the cost of rendering the service. A cost study submitted with the petition indicates that petitioner has experienced certain increased costs which will be offset by the proposed increase in the 19-cent rate to $19\frac{1}{2}$ cents. The study also indicates that the operations may reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the petition and has recommended that it be granted.

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A copy of the verified petition was served on the California Trucking Associations, Inc., on or about July 19, 1960. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary. The petition will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, is authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file a rate of 19½ cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 43,000 pounds, to expire September 14, 1961, for the transportation of lumber from Elk Creek (Glenn County) to Sacramento.

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

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