

Decision No. 60928

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ANTONI TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, a)
corporation, for an order authorizing)
departure from the rates, rules and)
regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 2, under the provisions of)
Section 3666 of the Public Utilities)
Code.)

Application No. 42577

OPINION AND ORDER

Antoni Transportation Service, a corporation, holds a highway contract carrier permit. By this application, filed August 17, 1960, it seeks authority, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to transport wood chips in bulk, at rates less than the minimum rates and on a unit of measurement different from that prescribed in the minimum rate orders, for Masonite Corporation from thirteen lumber mills located at various points in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties to the Masonite plant at Presswood, located one mile north of Ukiah.

According to the application the involved freight, wood chips, was formerly considered waste material, but is now utilized for the manufacture of masonite board. The application states that special trailer units were constructed for the handling of bulk shipments of wood waste; that they are equipped with high sides to increase loading capacity and with rear gates designed for specialized unloading; and that loading and unloading are particularly favorable as the vehicles are loaded by conveyor belts and unloaded expeditiously by a crane-tilt method at the Masonite plant. The application also states that the volume of traffic is stable and permits maximum utilization of equipment and that shipments can be picked up and delivered at origins and destinations 24 hours per day, which permits advantageous scheduling.

Applicant's proposed rates are predicated upon a unit of measurement consisting of 200 cubic feet of load space. Applicant explains that this means of assessing charges for the transportation of wood chips, in bulk, has been followed by the railroads for many years and is more suitable for the type of hauling involved than rates determined upon a weight basis. Trailers utilized in applicant's operation, it states, possess 2041.28 to 2422 cubic feet of load space, and the average weight of a unit of 200 cubic feet of wood chips is 3600 pounds. Applicant avers that weights of loads of wood chips vary, depending upon the character of the wood and moisture, that consequently there is a great difference in charges on a weight basis for similar size loads, but when transported under a cubic measurement this condition does not exist.

Applicant asserts that if the sought relief is not granted shipper has advised applicant that it will transport this property in its own vehicles; that such an eventuality would be disastrous to applicant, as it would terminate a business which has existed for many years; that applicant's operation is tailored to meet the requirements of the particular type of hauling involved; that the trailer equipment has been designed and constructed for such purpose and it cannot be practically utilized for the transportation of any other freight; and that if the considered traffic is diverted from for-hire to proprietary carriage, applicant will suffer a substantial loss and its business would have to be liquidated.

A cost study attached to the application indicates that the proposed operation can be conducted at a reasonable profit under the proposed rates.

No objection to the granting of the application has been received. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the verified application and has recommended that it be granted.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. Because the transportation conditions under which the proposed service is performed may change at any time, the authority granted herein 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,

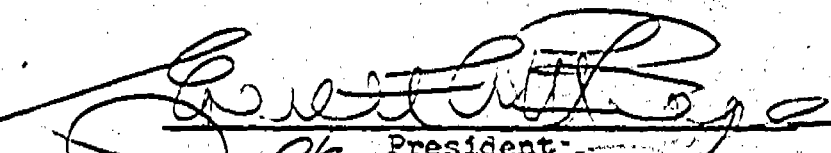
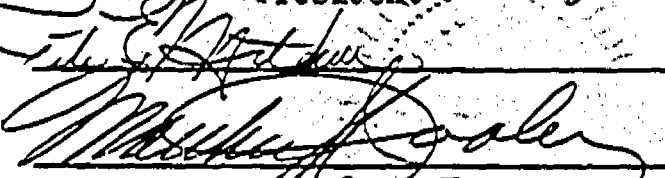
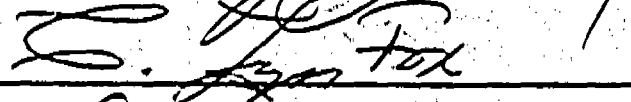

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Antoni Transportation Service, a corporation, is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of the minimum rate orders otherwise applicable to the transportation of wood chips, in bulk, for Masonite Corporation to the extent specifically provided in Appendix "A", which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire November 15, 1961, 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 18th day of October, 1960.


President

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APPENDIX "A" TO DECISION NO.

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Applies to transportation of wood chips, in bulk, by Antoni Transportation Service for Masonite Corporation from points shown to the Masonite plant at Presswood, located one mile north of Ukiah.

<u>Mill</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>*Rate per unit of 200 cubic feet</u>
1. Crawford Lumber Co.	3.5 miles north of Potter Valley	\$ 3.29
2. Bojack Co.	2 miles north of Manchester	8.55
3. Mendocino Wood Products Co.	Ridgewood Ranch	2.25
4. Union Lumber Co. "A"	3.5 miles north of Leggett	7.50
5. Hollow Tree Mill	1 mile east of Annapolis	11.39
6. T. M. Dimmick Mill	1.5 miles west of Piercy	8.26
7. Covelo Lumber Co.	Covelo	8.95
8. Union Lumber Co. "B"	Willits	3.53
9. Firco, Inc.	Willits	3.64
10. Timber Conversion	Cloverdale	3.09
11. Crofoot Lumber Co.	Ukiah	1.07
12. F. M. Crawford Lumber Co.	Ukiah	0.78
13. Pacific Lumber Co.	Red Crest	12.19

*Subject to a minimum of 10 units per shipment.

(End of Appendix "A")