

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 61636

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 trans-)
portation 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. 211

OPINION AND ORDER

Elasti Transportation, a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of lumber. By Decision No. 59739, dated February 29, 1960, in Case No. 5432, it was authorized to publish a rate of 5 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 45,000 pounds, for the transportation of sawdust, in bulk, from Cloverdale to Windsor, which rate is lower than the established minimum rate for this transportation. The rate was made subject to the conditions that it shall apply when (1) the carrier furnishes only the tractor, and (2) the consignee furnishes trailer equipment, rent free, said equipment to be provided with mechanical unloading device. The authorized rate is published to expire April 18, 1961.

By this petition, filed February 7, 1961, authority is sought to continue to maintain a rate less than the minimum rate subject to the above conditions for a further one-year period, but to increase the authorized rate to 6 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 45,000 pounds.

Petitioner alleges that, except for the amount of loading and unloading time required for the operation involved, the

circumstances which prevailed when Decision No. 59739, supra, was issued continue to exist. Petitioner asserts that the time previously estimated for loading and unloading has proved to be insufficient to cover the time actually experienced in connection with the operation. For that reason, petitioner requests that the authorized rate be increased to 6 cents per 100 pounds. A profit and loss statement for the period October 1, 1959 to September 30, 1960, attached to the petition, indicates that petitioner's over-all operations have been profitable. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the petition and has recommended that it be granted.

A copy of the verified petition was served on the California Trucking Associations, Inc., on or about February 8, 1961. 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 Blasi Transportation, a corporation, is authorized, on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file a rate of 6 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 45,000 pounds, to expire April 18, 1962, for the transportation of sawdust, in bulk, from Cloverdale to Windsor, subject to the condition that such rate shall apply only when (1) the

carrier furnishes only the tractor; and (2) the trailer equipment is furnished by the consignee without charge to the carrier, said trailer equipment to be provided with mechanical unloading device.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of March, 1961.

President
D. L. Linton

George H. Grover

Frederick B. Holdrege

Commissioners