

Decision No. 62813

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules, 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. 230
(Filed August 14, 1961)

OPINION AND ORDER

Milton W. Zamboni, Mary L. Lightfoot and Jack E. Shaver, partners, doing business as ZLS Trucking, operate as a highway common carrier for the transportation of lumber and lumber products generally between points in Shasta, Tehama and Trinity Counties in northern California. By this petition they seek authority to publish a rate of 9 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds, for the transportation of lumber, railroad ties and timber from Round Mountain and points intermediate thereto to Redding. The applicable minimum rate is 12 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 44,000 pounds.

According to the petition, the transportation involved herein comprises 98 percent of petitioners' traffic. Assertedly, unless the proposed rate is authorized, the shipper will acquire equipment and haul its own lumber and such action would effectively eliminate petitioner as a carrier.

Detailed cost studies attached to the petition indicate that the sought rate will be compensatory. A projection of the

revenue and expenses at the proposed rate on the average per-load weight of 52,000 pounds, actually experienced by petitioners during the year 1960, and on the proposed minimum weight of 50,000 pounds, shows that the operating ratios for the year 1960 would have been 73.3 and 76 percent, respectively.

The petition shows that on or about August 11, 1961, a copy thereof was served on California Trucking Associations, Inc. The only objection received to the granting of the petition has been withdrawn. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the petition and has recommended that it be granted.

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. 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.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

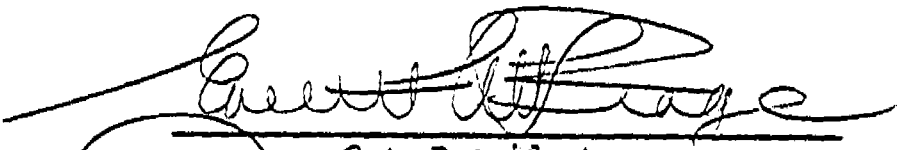
(1) Milton W. Zamboni, Mary L. Lightfoot and Jack E. Shaver, partners, doing business as ZLS Trucking, are hereby authorized to publish and file, and to make effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, a rate of 9 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 50,000 pounds, for the transportation of lumber, railroad ties and timber, not finished beyond sanding, from Round Mountain to Redding, said rate to apply only via U. S. Highways 299 and 99 and to be intermediate

in application from points located on or within one actual highway mile of said highways between Round Mountain and Redding.


(2) The authority herein granted shall expire with December 4, 1962.

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

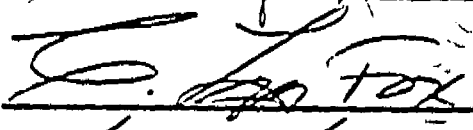
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of November, 1961.



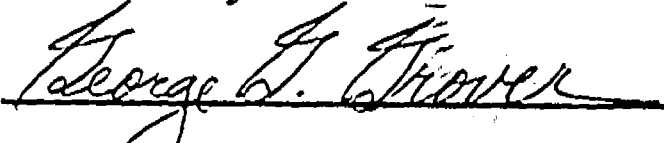
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