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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation Inthe rates, rules, regulations, charges,) allowances and practices of all common) Case No. 5432 highway carriers and city) Petition for Modification No. 264 of general commodities (commodities for) which rates are provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2)

(Filed July 11, 1962)

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 62377, dated August 1, 1961. Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, was authorized to publish a rate of 192 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 43,000 pounds, for the transportation of lumber from Elk Creek (Glenn County) to Sacramento. This rate is lower than the established minimum rate for this transportation. The authorized rate is scheduled to expire September 14, 1962. By this petition, authority is sought to continue to maintain the currently authorized rate for a further one-year period. Petitioner also requests that the authority be modified by increasing the authorized rate from $19\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 20 cents per 100 pounds.

Petitioner alleges that, pursuant to the authority contained in said Decision No. 62377, it has continuously maintained the said rate of 19½ cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 43,000 pounds; that it has continuously engaged in the transportation of shipments of lumber from Elk Creek to Sacramento under that rate; and that the transportation of said lumber shipments has produced

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revenue more than sufficient to defray the cost of rendering the service. A cost study submitted with the petition indicates that the petitioner has experienced certain increased costs which will be offset by the proposed increase in the 19½-cent rate to 20 cents. The study also indicates that the operation has been profitable during the past year and may be reasonably expected to be profitable for the ensuing year.

A copy of the petition was served on California Trucking Associations, Inc., on or about July 9, 1962. 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.

In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the following order will be made effective on September 4, 1962.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, is hereby authorized to publish and file, to expire with September 14, 1963, a rate of 20 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 43,000 pounds, for the transportation of lumber from Elk Creek (Glenn County) to Sacramento.

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2. Tariff filings shall be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public.

The effective date of this order shall be September 4, 1962. Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of August, 1962.

Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.