

Decision No. 65175

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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 car-)
riers 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. 292
(Filed February 21, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 63456, dated March 20, 1962, in Case No. 5432, Blasi Transportation, a corporation, was authorized as a highway common carrier to publish a rate of 6 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 45,000 pounds, for the transportation of sawdust, in bulk, from Cloverdale to Windsor. The rate was published to expire with April 18, 1963. The rate is lower than the established minimum rate for this transportation.¹

On July 28, 1962, the highway common carrier operative authority and the tariff rates applicable thereto were transferred from Blasi Transportation to C. R. Von Arx and L. R. Von Arx, a co-partnership doing business as Riverview Logging Co.²

¹ The rate is subject to the conditions that it shall apply only 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.

² The transfer was authorized by Decision No. 63691, dated May 14, 1962, in Application No. 44338.

By this petition C. R. Von Arx and L. R. Von Arx seek authority to continue to maintain the deviation from the minimum rates for a further one-year period, but to increase the authorized rate from 6 cents to 7 cents per 100 pounds.

In support of the proposal, petitioners state that the circumstances which originally justified this authority to Blasi Transportation continue to exist; that based upon their experience in performing the service in question, and taking into consideration the labor cost increases yet to occur during the forthcoming year, they are satisfied that the proposed rate of 7 cents per 100 pounds is reasonable and fully compensatory.

A copy of the verified petition was served on the California Trucking Association on or about February 21, 1963. No objection to its being granted has been received.

The rate deviation herein involved was originally authorized upon evidence of the cost of operations of Blasi Transportation, and the economies and efficiencies surrounding the service as performed by it. In view of the change in the carrier performing the service and possible change in transportation conditions and operating costs to petitioners in performing this service, this petition will be set for public hearing for the receipt of further evidence. Meanwhile, the sought rate will be authorized for a period of approximately six months, pending further consideration of this matter following public hearing.

Subject to further consideration upon receipt of additional evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing to be scheduled in

this proceeding, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable and justified by transportation conditions.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that C. R. Von Arx and L. R. Von Arx, doing business as Riverview Logging Co., are hereby authorized, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file a rate of 7 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 45,000 pounds, to expire with October 31, 1963, for the transportation of sawdust, in bulk, from Cloverdale to Windsor, subject to the conditions 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 on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of April, 1963.

George G. Crover
President
Robert M. ...
Walter H. ...
Frederick B. Holhoff
William W. Bennett
Commissioners