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Decision No. 67204

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
W. J. TANNAHILL, M. F. TANNAHILL,
and E. J. TANNAHILL, co-partners)
doing business under the name and)
style of W. J. Tannahill & Sons,
for authority to deviate from the
established minimum rates.

Application No. 46341 (Filed March 31, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants operate as radial highway common, highway contract and city carriers. By Decision No. 65447 dated Mey 21, 1963, in Application No. 45301, they were authorized to assess rates and charges lower than those prescribed as minimum for the transportation of lumber and other forest products, except sash and doors, for the Owens-Parks Lumber Company from the shipper's yard in Vernon to points within 30 constructive miles thereof. The authority permits the assessing of a rate of \$3.57 per thousand board feet, subject to hourly penalty charges, in lieu of the minimum rates which are based on weight and distance. The current authority is scheduled to expire with May 31, 1964.

By this application, applicants seek authority to continue the current authorization. They state that they have been assessing the present basis of charges on this traffic since July 1, 1962.

Applicants allege that the aggregate gross revenue at the thousand-board-foot rate is substantially greater than would result if the minimum rates were applied and the shipper requires that transportation charges be assessed on a board-foot basis in the interest of convenience and efficiency in billing as it sells its lumber on a board-foot basis. This method of billing, which has

been in effect for over 2½ years, has proven simple, economical and effective under cooperative billing arrangements with Owens-Parks. There has been no substantial change which affects the operating conditions to an extent which would warrant any change in the present method of handling the traffic. Applicants further allege that the conditions heretofore shown, and presented to the Commission, still exist except that the need for relief is greater now than it was at the time the original authority was granted and a continuation of the departure from the established minimum rates as herein requested will be reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Operating revenue and expense data set forth in Exhibit B, attached to the application, indicate that applicants realized a not profit of \$28,001 for the year 1963 and will realize an estimated net profit of \$19,053 for the year 1964 at the proposed rates, taking into consideration adjustments for increased wages and other expenses.

The application shows that a copy thereof was served upon California Trucking Association on or about March 30, 1964. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds that the proposed rate and charges are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, this authority will be made to expire at the end of one year.

In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective May 31, 1964.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. W. J. Tannahill, M. F. Tannahill and E. J. Tannahill, copartners doing business as W. J. Tannahill & Sons, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of the minimum rate orders

otherwise applicable to the services which they perform for Owens-Parks Lumber Company to the extent specifically provided in Appendix A which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after May 31, 1964, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 65447 and shall expire with May 31, 1965.

This order shall become effective May 31, 1964.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1216 day of May, 1964.

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Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff, being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 67204

(1) Rate and charges for the transportation of Lumber and Forest Products as described in Paragraph (2) hereof for the Owens-Parks Lumber Company from the lumber company's yard at Vernon to points within 30 miles thereof, as computed in accordance with the rules in Distance Table No. 4.

\$3.57 per thousand board feet, subject to the following additional charges:

Hourly penalty charges shall be assessed in addition to the foregoing for unnecessary delays in loading, C.O.D., and all other delays, in accordance with the following basis:

\$3.97 per hour for trucks of 2 tons capacity or less.

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(2) LUMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS, V1z.:

Forest Products, whether or not creosoted or otherwise chemically treated, viz.:

Atmospheric Water Cooling Towers, knocked down, and Iron or Steel Fixtures for same, consisting of Castings, Tie Rods not exceeding 30 feet in length, and Turnbuckles, weight of such fixtures not to exceed 10% of the total weight of shipment, Bark, Bee Hives, knocked down, Blocks, wooden paving, creosoted or uncreosoted, Bolts, wooden, Brackets, insulator (wooden), Cants, wheel, wooden, in the rough, Covers, guy wire, Cross Arms, wooden, with or without riveted ends, and with or without wooden pins attached, Heading, Honey Box Lumber, Lath, Lumber, Pencil Slats, Pickets, Piles, Insulator, Pins, Insulator, W Pipe Material, wooden (See Note 1), Pipe, wooden (See Note 1), Poles, plant, plain, creosoted or stained, Poles, telegraph and telephone, Posts, Sawdust, Shakes,

LUMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS (Concluded)

Shavings,
Shingles,
Ship Knees,
Shook, box and crate,
Silo Material, wooden, and Fixtures (See Note 2),
Stakes, plain, creosoted or stained,
Staves,
Steps, pole (wooden),
Stock, battery separator, machined, viz.: grooved,
furrowed or corrugated, not treated with caustic
soda, asphaltum or other solution,
Tank Material, wooden, and Fixtures (See Note 3),
Ties, railroad,
Timbers, rough,
Timbers, mining,
Wedges, mine.

ALSO

BUILDING WOODWORK (HOUSE TRIM), not further finished than primed, viz.:

Astragals, Balusters, Balustrade Work, Base Boards, Beads, angle corner, cornice, Blinds (shutter) slatted or solid, Blocks (base, center, corner, head), Built-in Fixtures (See Note 4), viz.: Book Cases, Breakfast Nook Sets, consisting of Seat Boards and Ends, Table Tops and Legs, Buffets, Cases or Chests of Drawers, China Closets, Cooler Closets, Cupboards, Ironing Boards, Kitchen Cabinets, Mantel Shelves, Medicine Cabinets, Sideboards, Sinkboards, Sink Sets, Telephone Cabinets, Window Seats, Caps, column, Casing, door and window, panel, Closet and Pantry Fittings, Columns, Cornice Brackets, Frames (Blind, screen and door), Frames, window, with or without pulleys, Gable Ornaments, Grille Work, Gutters, Hand Rails, Jambs, door,

BUILDING WOODWORK (HOUSE TRIM), not further finished than primed, viz.: (Concluded)

Molding, casing,
Molding, carpenter's,
Paneling,
Pilasters,
Plywood,
Porch Work,
Rosettes,
Screens, door and window,
Scroll Work,
Shelves, knocked down,
Spindles,
Stair Work, (newels, risers, treads, trellises,
 railing, balusters, post ornaments),
Veneering,
Wainscoting,
Window Stools and Aprons,

Note 1. - The rates on Pipe Material and Wooden Pipe will include iron bands and wooden or iron connections therefor, consisting of ells, tees, crosses, reducers, bends and weyes, the weight of the iron bands and wooden or iron connections not to exceed 10 per cent of the weight of the entire shipment.

Note 2. - The rates on Silo Material and Fixtures will include doors and fixtures for same, also including iron or steel bands, hoops, lugs and bolts for same. The weight of fixtures, gauge and iron or steel bands, or hoops and lugs not to exceed 20 per cent of the weight of the entire shipment.

Note 3. - The rates on Tank Material and Fixtures will include gauge, iron or steel bands, or hoops and lugs, the weight of fixtures, gauge and iron or steel bands, or hoops and lugs, the weight of fixtures, gauge and iron or steel bands, or hoops and lugs, not to exceed 20 per cent of the weight of the entire shipment.

Note 4. - Rates apply only on Built-in-Fixtures as described to be built in and become a permanent part of Building Woodwork (House Trim).

(End of Appendix A)