

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 69475

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application	)	
of JAMES A. ROLLERI, doing business	)	
as ROLLERI TRUCKING CO., for	)	
authority to depart from the rates,	)	Application No. 47509
rules and regulations of Minimum	)	(Filed April 20, 1965)
Rate Tariff No. 2, under the pro-	)	
visions of the Highway Carriers	)	
Act on Transportation for	)	
INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

James A. Rolleri holds a radial highway common carrier permit. By Decision No. 67802 dated September 1, 1964, in Application No. 46628, he was authorized to transport fir veneer from the mill of Trinity Alps Lumber Co. near Hayfork (Trinity County) to the plant of International Paper Co. at Weed (Siskiyou County) at a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than 30 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 48,000 pounds per truckload. The authority is scheduled to expire September 21, 1965. By this application, an extension of the current authority is sought for a further one-year period.

The rate herein in issue was found by the Commission to be reasonable upon the basis of evidence received at a public hearing held on August 5, 1964. The transportation involved represented between 45 and 48 percent of applicant's 1963 tonnage but the shipper began purchasing its veneer from Medford, Oregon, in 1964 because the rate on veneer then in effect between Hayfork and Weed made the delivered price too high in the face of the highly competitive nature of the plywood market. It was established that the currently authorized rate is compensatory and necessary to permit the movement of veneer from Hayfork to Weed.

Applicant alleges that the transportation circumstances and conditions which prevailed at the time of the hearing on the original application have continued to exist and still exist. It is averred that no increases in costs for this transportation have materialized since the authority was originally granted and that applicant does not anticipate any increase therein during the next year inasmuch as these costs are fixed with some certainty and remain relatively constant. Applicant asserts that he is threatened with the loss of this traffic as the shipper has informed him that it contemplates using its privately-owned trucks to transport the veneer between the points involved unless the rate authority sought herein is granted.

Revenue and expense data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable for the ensuing year.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 21, 1965. The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on April 20, 1965. No objection to the granting of this application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. James A. Rolleri is hereby authorized to transport fir veneer from the mill of Trinity Alps Lumber Co. near Hayfork to the plant of International Paper Co. at Weed at a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than 30 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 48,000 pounds per truckload.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after September 21, 1965, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 67802, and shall expire with September 21, 1966.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1965.

Fredrick B. Hillhoff  
President  
George T. Hoover  
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Commissioners

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

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.