

Decision No. 71193

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of)
)
 BOYD TRUCKING CO.)
)
 for authority to depart from rates,)
 rules and regulations of Minimum Rate)
 Tariff No. 2 for transportation of)
 lumber between Anderson and San Leandro,)
 California for Hudson Lumber Company.)

Application No. 48629
(Filed July 15, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Boyd Trucking Co., a corporation, operates as a highway contract carrier and radial highway common carrier. By Decision No. 69532, dated August 10, 1965, in Application No. 47528, James O. Boyd, doing business as Boyd Trucking Company (predecessor to applicant)¹, was authorized to assess a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than 28 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 90,000 pounds for the transportation of lumber for Hudson Lumber Company from Anderson to San Leandro. The current authority is scheduled to expire with August 30, 1966. By this application, authority is sought to continue the current deviation from the minimum rates for an additional one-year period.

By Decision No. 69532, supra, the rate in issue was found by the Commission to be reasonable upon the basis of evidence received at a public hearing on June 4, 1965. The

¹The Commission authorized transfer of the aforementioned permits of James O. Boyd, doing business as Boyd Trucking Company, to Boyd Trucking Co., a corporation, by Resolution No. 14801, effective November 10, 1965.

evidence showed that three units of equipment, each consisting of a truck and trailer, are regularly assigned to this operation. Each truck and trailer carries a total of eight units of lumber, each unit weighing approximately 6,840 pounds, making a truck and trailer load of over 50,000 pounds. Loading and unloading are expedited by Hudson employees with fork lift trucks equipped with 8-foot forks. The fork lifts are owned by the lumber company.

The evidence also showed that the trucks are operated on a continuous 24-hour basis, in excess of 225 days per year. They shuttle between Hudson's two plants, making two round trips in each 24-hour period. Two of the equipment units travel together from Anderson to San Leandro. After unloading at the latter point is accomplished, one truck-and-trailer unit is loaded onto the other unit for return to Anderson. A saving in running expenses is thereby effected.

Applicant asserts that, based on information supplied by Hudson Lumber Company, it expects approximately the same volume of traffic during the coming year. Applicant states that the shipper has ample resources with which to purchase motor vehicle equipment and is prepared to engage in proprietary trucking operations should the sought rate relief not be granted.

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

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on July 15, 1966. The application was listed on the Commission's

Daily Calendar of July 18, 1966. No objection to the granting of the 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 Commission concludes that the application should be granted. In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective August 30, 1966.

IT IS ORDERED that:

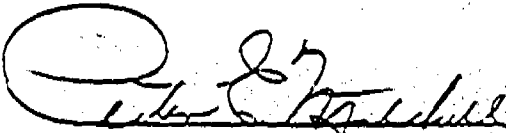
1. Boyd Trucking Co. is authorized to transport lumber from Anderson to San Leandro for Hudson Lumber Company at a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than 28 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 90,000 pounds per shipment, and further subject to the following conditions:

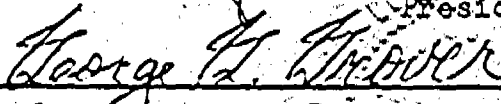
- (a) The lumber shall be prepared for shipment by Hudson Lumber Company.
- (b) The lumber shall move in units consisting of approximately 6,840 pounds each and approximately 8 units shall be loaded on each truck. Two trucks, each hauling approximately 8 units, shall be loaded at the Anderson yard of Hudson and shall move together to San Leandro where unloading shall be effected. On the return movement, one truck and trailer shall be loaded on the other. The operation shall be conducted on a continuous 24-hour basis and in excess of 225 days a year.
- (c) Loading of the lumber at Anderson and unloading at San Leandro shall be performed by consignor and consignee, respectively, with fork lift trucks supplied by, and operated by employees of, consignor and consignee.

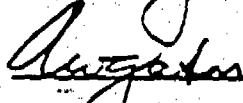
2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after August 30, 1966, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 69532, and shall expire with August 30, 1967.


The effective date of this order shall be August 30, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of August, 1966.



President






Commissioners

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