

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 71550

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of ROLAND P. HOUGHAM, an individual)
for authority to deviate from the)
rates, rules and regulations pre-)
scribed in Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 15.)

Application No. 48858
(Filed October 11, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Roland P. Hougham holds a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 70096 dated December 14, 1965, in Application No. 47980, he was authorized to assess rates less than the minimum vehicle unit rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 for the transportation of rough lumber for Hi-Ridge Lumber Co. (Hi-Ridge) from Seiad Valley to Montague. The current authority is scheduled to expire January 4, 1967.

By this application, applicant seeks an extension of the current authority for a further one-year period. He also requests that the authority be modified by increasing the base yearly vehicle unit rate and excess hourly rate from \$1,255 and \$6.60 to \$1,303 and \$6.80, respectively,¹ and by reducing the mileage rate per unit of equipment from 20½ cents per mile to 20 cents per mile. For transportation performed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, applicant proposes to continue to assess a rate of \$14 per round trip in lieu of the daily rate otherwise applicable for the unit of carrier's equipment and to continue to assess the lowest hourly charge provided in

¹ No authority for the increase is required from this Commission, inasmuch as applicant is a permitted carrier for which only minimum rates have been established.

Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 for all hours of service in excess of 8 hours out of 9 consecutive hours during such a single day.

The rates originally authorized were found by the Commission in Decision No. 68348 to be reasonable upon the basis of evidence received at a public hearing on October 30, 1964. The evidence showed that three truck and trailer units are utilized by applicant for this transportation during the full year and that shipments are loaded and unloaded by Hi-Ridge with forklifts, thus providing expeditious loading and unloading with a minimum cost to the carrier. Applicant does not incur the overtime wages designed to be recovered in the higher charges provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 for the reason that his drivers are paid on the basis of a flat amount per trip, including trips performed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Applicant alleges that the need for the relief sought herein is the same now as it was at the time of filing of the original application for such authority. He avers that the service which he has been performing for Hi-Ridge has proved to be compensatory. Based upon his experience in performing such service, he asserts that he can continue to provide the same service at the proposed rates at a satisfactory profit.

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 verified application was mailed to California Trucking Association on October 11, 1966. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 14, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable for the transportation involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

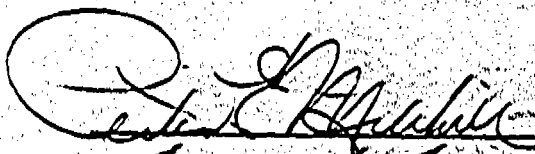
IT IS ORDERED that:

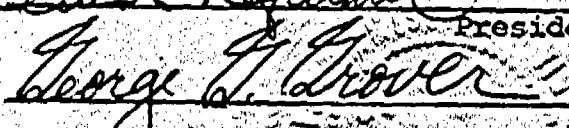
1. Roland P. Hougham is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of the minimum rate orders otherwise applicable to services which he performs for Hi-Ridge Lumber Co. to the extent specifically provided in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof; and to assess rates less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable for such services but not less than the rates set forth in, and subject to the conditions specified in, said Appendix A.

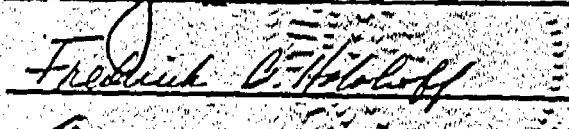
2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after January 4, 1967, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 70096 and shall expire with January 4, 1968.


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

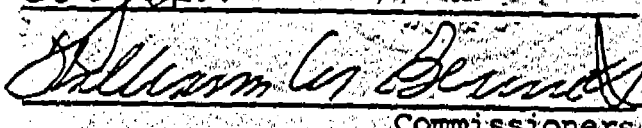
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of November, 1966.



President








Commissioners

APPLICATION OF RATES

Carrier: Roland P. Hougham

Shipper: Hi-Ridge Lumber Co.

1. Commodity: Rough lumber.
2. Points: From Seiad Valley to Montague.
3. Equipment: Flatbed diesel trucks and flatbed trailers.
4. Rates:
 - a. Base yearly vehicle unit rate per period between billing dates \$1,303.
 - b. Mileage rate per unit of equipment \$0.20 per mile.
 - c. Vehicle unit rate for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays \$14 per round trip.
 - d. Rate for all hours in excess of 8 out of nine consecutive hours in a single day \$6.80 per hour.
5. In all other respects, the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 shall apply.

(End of Appendix A)