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## Decision No. 72706

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Devine & Son Trucking ) Co., a Corporation, for authority to ) continue rates lower than the minimum) rates established by the California ) Public Utilities Commission for the ) transportation of Unprocessed Bark ) and Sawmill Residue incidental to ) production from Paskenta to Vita- ) Bark Inc. at Elk Creek, California. )

Application No. 49421 (Filed June 2, 1967)

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## OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 70952 dated July 12, 1966, in Application No. 48346, Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, was authorized to assess rates different from, and less than, the applicable minimum rates for the transportation of unprocessed bark and sawmill residue from Paskenta and Ukiah to Elk Creek for Vita-Bark, Inc. The current authority is scheduled to expire July 31, 1967. By this application, authority is sought to continue the deviation from the established minimum rates for a further one-year period only in connection with the aforementioned transportation from Paskenta to Elk Creek.

Applicant states that the transportation of the above commodities has been profitable during the past year and that, although labor costs are expected to increase in the next year, increased utilization of its equipment should allow for a near equal reduction of fixed expenses.

Data furnished by applicant indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the future.

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Applicant avers that Vita-Bark, Inc., now transports its products in its own motor truck equipment and that this shipper has informed it that the transportation in question will be performed by private carriage in the event that the authority sought herein is not granted.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on June 1, 1967. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 5, 1967. 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.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Devine & Son Trucking Co., a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport unprocessed bark and savmill residue, in bulk in dump truck equipment, from Paskenta to Elk Creek at a rate different from, and less than, the applicable minimum rate but not less than \$4.15 per unit of 200 cubic feet, minimum load per trip 14.25 units.

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2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after July 31, 1967, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 70952 and shall expire with July 31, 1968.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>6</u> day of July, 1967.

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Commissioners

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