

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74300

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into)
the rates, rules, regulations, charges,)
allowances and practices of all common)
carriers, highway carriers and city)
carriers relating to the transportation)
of any and all commodities between and)
within all points and places in the)
State of California (including, but not)
limited to, transportation for which)
rates are provided in Minimum Rate)
Tariff No. 2).)

Case No. 5432
Petition for Modification
No. 504
(Filed May 14, 1968).

OPINION AND ORDER

Yreka Western Railroad Company, a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of general commodities between Montague, Yreka and Etna and intermediate points and between Yreka and Orleans and intermediate points.¹ By Decision No. 72547 dated June 6, 1967, in Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 457), it was authorized to publish less-than-minimum rates on lumber and timbers of 10-3/4 cents per 100 pounds from Indian Creek to Yreka and 10 cents per 100 pounds from Happy Camp to Yreka and Montague. These rates are subject to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds for each unit of equipment and are published to expire with July 13, 1968. By this petition, it seeks an extension of the current authority for a further one-year period. It also requests that the authority be modified by eliminating the 10-3/4-cent rate for transportation from Indian Creek to Yreka and increasing the minimum weight governing the remaining rate from 50,000 to 52,000 pounds.

¹ It also operates as a common carrier by railroad between Yreka and Montague.

Petitioner states that it does not desire to republish the existing rate from Indian Creek to Yreka inasmuch as the need for this service no longer exists. Petitioner asserts that the loadings at Happy Camp have been heavier and that the sought increase in the minimum weight reflects the loading conditions at that point. Petitioner avers that the facts of the actual operation, which it experienced during the past year, justify the authorized rate of 10 cents from Happy Camp to Yreka or Montague as a reasonable minimum rate.

As indicated in the original decision which initially granted petitioner such authority,² the shippers involved are aware of the cost of handling this traffic and of its desirable characteristics and have advised petitioner that, unless the proposed rate is established, they will acquire their own equipment and haul their own lumber. Petitioner alleges that the circumstances which justified granting of the current authority for movements from Happy Camp continue to exist and require that the sought rate be authorized for an additional one-year period.

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

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the petition was mailed to California Trucking Association on May 13, 1968. The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 15, 1968. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

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See Decision No. 67432 dated June 23, 1964, in Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 337).

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority and the time required for tariff notification, the order which follows will be made effective July 8, 1968.


IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Yreka Western Railroad Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to publish and file, to expire with July 13, 1969, the rate and other provisions for the transportation of lumber and timbers as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

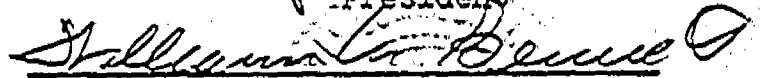
2. Tariff filings shall be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

The effective date of this order shall be July 8, 1968.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of June, 1968.



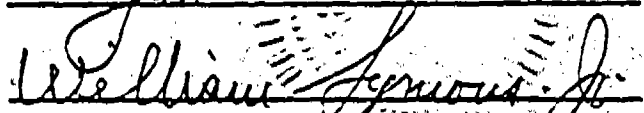
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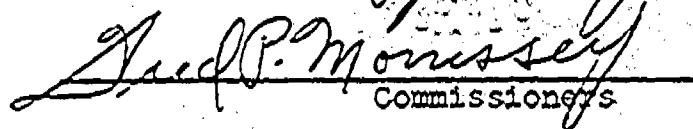
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APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO.

74300YREKA WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, HIGHWAY SERVICE,
FREIGHT TARIFF 6-A, CAL.P.U.C. 2, ITEM 517

COMMODITY	FROM	TO	RATE IN CENTS PER 100 LBS.	ITEM
Lumber and Forest Products, viz.: Lumber, Timbers, Straight or mixed ship- ments. Minimum weight 52,000 pounds for each unit of equip- ment.	Happy Camp and points and places with- in 3 miles thereof	Yreka and points located on California Highway 3 within 4 miles of Yreka	+(1) (2) 10	517
		Montague		

+ Applies only on intrastate traffic.

(1) Applies only where empty trailers without tractors are spotted in advance at point of origin by carrier for loading by consignor; where consignor loads trailers from 8 A.M. to 12 midnight on all days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays so that loaded trailers can be pulled at any time between said hours; and where loaded trailers are uncoupled from tractors and left at point of destination for unloading by consignee; and where consignee unloads (from 8 A.M. to 12 midnight) on all days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays so that unloaded equipment can be recovered at any time between said hours.

(2) Rate to apply only to shipments moving between points indicated via unnumbered road to Cal. 96, thence via Cal. 96 to junction with U.S. 99, thence via U.S. 99 to Yreka, thence via Cal. 3 to either destination and will be intermediate at points located on that route.

(END OF APPENDIX A)