

Decision No. 75161

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
ROLAND P. HOUGHAM, an individual,	)	Application No. 50678
for authority to deviate from the	)	(Filed November 12, 1968)
rates, rules and regulations	)	
prescribed in Minimum Rate	)	
Tariff No. 15.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Roland P. Hougham holds a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 73581 dated January 3, 1968, in Application No. 49763, 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 15, 1969.

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 \$1,303 and \$6.80 to \$1,365.00 and \$7.20, respectively.<sup>1</sup> 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.

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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.

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 November 11, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 13, 1968. 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.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective January 15, 1969.

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, and subject to the conditions specified, in said Appendix A.

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after January 15, 1969, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 73581 and shall expire with January 15, 1970.

This order shall become effective January 15, 1969.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1968.

William J. Amos, Jr.  
President  
John P. Moussey  
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 75161

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 \$1,365.
  - 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 \$7.20 per hour.
5. In all other respects, the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 shall apply.

(End of Appendix A)