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Decision No. 76498

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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, }
for authority to deviate from the }
rates, rules and regulations }
prescribed in Minimum Rate }
Tariff No. 15. }

Application No. 51451
(Filed October 30, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

Roland P. Hougham holds a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 75161 dated December 27, 1968, in Application No. 50678, 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, 1970.

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 reducing the base yearly vehicle unit rate and excess hourly rate from \$1,365 and \$7.20 to \$1,303 and \$6.80, respectively.^{1/} 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.

^{1/} The corresponding minimum base yearly vehicle unit rate and excess hourly rate effective December 1, 1969, are \$1,414 and \$7.95, respectively.

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. Applicant alleges that his costs of wages, fuel, tires, and other expenses have not increased in relationship to those upon which the minimum rates are predicated.^{2/}

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 under the rates proposed herein.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the verified application was mailed to California Trucking Association on October 30, 1969. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 31, 1969. 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

^{2/} The minimum rate increases reflect primarily increased costs resulting from collective bargaining agreements. Applicant's employees are not subject to collective bargaining agreements; its drivers are paid on a percent of revenue basis (Decision No. 58348 in Application No. 46962, the initial less-than-minimum rate authority of applicant for Hi-Ridge, effective Jan. 4, 1965).

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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, 1970 supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 75161 and shall expire with January 15, 1971.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of DECEMBER, 1969.

William Synovius, Jr.
President

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Norman L. Stevenson
Commissioners

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APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 76498

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)