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Decision No. 81076

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules and)
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. 15).)

Case No. 7783
Petition for Modification
No. 66,
(Filed December 29, 1972)

O P I N I O N

Boyd Trucking Co., Inc., a corporation, is a highway common carrier of lumber and forest products operating generally within the State of California.

By Decision No. 77605 dated August 11, 1970 in Petition for Modification No. 28 in Case No. 7783, petitioner was authorized, pending a public hearing, to publish vehicular unit rates less than the minimum rates for the transportation of lumber and forest products between Anderson and points within 250 miles of Anderson, excluding Camino. By Decision No. 78262 in Petition for Modification No. 28 in Case No. 7783 the petitioner was authorized to extend the expiration date of the rates authorized by Decision No. 77605 for one year to February 11, 1972, and petitioner was also authorized to publish increases, effective June 1, 1971, in the monthly rate to \$1,555 and in the excess hours' rate to \$8.50. Said authority was extended to February 11, 1973 by Decision No. 79687 in Petition for Modification No. 50 in Case No. 7783.

Petitioner herein requests that the authorization granted in Decision No. 79687 be extended for an additional year from February 11, 1973, with the following modifications: (a) The monthly vehicle charge to be increased from \$1,555 per unit to \$1,660; and (b) the hourly rate for excess hours be increased from \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Petitioner alleges that while the service performed at the rates authorized has been profitable, effective June 1, 1972 petitioner incurred an increased labor cost averaging 55 cents per hour for each hour of operation per unit of equipment; that the proposed increase will almost exactly offset this increase; that the present labor agreement will extend to June 1, 1973; and that petitioner anticipates that any labor increase which may become effective on that date can be absorbed without the necessity of any further rate increase.

Exhibit B attached to the application indicates that petitioner had an operating ratio of 88.6 percent for the nine month period ending September 30, 1972.

The Commission finds that the proposed rates will be compensatory and said rates are reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. The authority granted herein will be made to expire February 11, 1974. A public hearing is not necessary. The petition will be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Boyd Trucking Co., Inc., is hereby authorized to extend the expiration date of the rates authorized by Decision No. 79687 to February 11, 1974 with the following modifications:

- (a) The monthly vehicle charge may be increased from \$1,555 per unit to \$1,660.

- (b) The hourly rate for excess hours may be increased from \$8.50 to \$9.00.

2. Rates published in accordance with the authority herein granted shall contain the following restrictions:

- (a) Limited to the transportation of lumber and forest products between Anderson, California, on the one hand, and points within 250 miles of Anderson, excluding Camino, on the other hand.
- (b) Limited to shippers who contract for the rental of at least five units of equipment.

3. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective on not less than three days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

4. Petitioner, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized above, is authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code. Schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to this order.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of FEBRUARY, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
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Commissioners