

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 82481

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 and highway  
carriers relating to the transpor-  
tation 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. 86  
(Filed January 3, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Boyd Trucking Co., a corporation, is a highway common carrier. By this petition it seeks authority to continue to publish and maintain vehicular unit rental rates which are less than the established minimum rates. There are no protests.

By Decision No. 77605 dated August 11, 1970 in Petition for Modification No. 28, as amended, in Case No. 7783, petitioner was authorized, pending a public hearing, to publish vehicular unit rental rates which were 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 to publish increases, effective June 1, 1971, in the monthly and excess hours' rates. Said authority was extended to February 11, 1973

by Decision No. 79687 in Petition for Modification No. 50 in Case No. 7783, and to February 11, 1974, with increased monthly and excess hours' rates, by Decision No. 81076 in Petition for Modification No. 66 in Case No. 7783.

Petitioner requests that the authorization granted in Decision No. 81076 be extended for an additional year from February 11, 1974, with the modifications hereinafter set forth: (a) The monthly vehicle charge be increased from \$1,660 per unit to \$1,700; (b) the hourly rate for excess hours be increased from \$9.00 to \$9.30; and (c) the mileage rate be increased from 20 cents per mile to 23½ cents per mile. No other changes are proposed.

Exhibits attached to the petition show that the service performed at the rates authorized has been profitable. On June 1, 1974, petitioner will incur an increase of 6 percent in the wage costs of all personnel utilized in the operation, and the cost of diesel fuel will increase by approximately 6 cents to 30 cents on or before February 15, 1974. Even higher fuel costs are expected but the amounts of these increases cannot presently be determined. With the grant of the rate adjustments sought by this petition, revenues from the service should be sufficient to absorb the anticipated increased expenses and any which may be unforeseen at this time and return to petitioner a reasonable profit from the operation. Other than the increased expenses herein mentioned, the involved operation will continue to be substantially identical to that which has been performed for Kimberly-Clark since the rate deviation was initially authorized by Decision No. 77605 in 1970.

The proposed rates are reasonable and are justified by transportation conditions. The increases have been shown to be justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The petition should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Boyd Trucking Co., a corporation, is hereby authorized to extend the expiration date of the rates authorized by Decision No. 81076 to February 11, 1975 with the following modifications:

- (a) The monthly vehicle charge may be increased from \$1,660 per unit to \$1,700.
- (b) The hourly rate for excess hours may be increased from \$9.00 to \$9.30.
- (c) The mileage rate may be increased from 20 cents per mile to 23½ cents per mile.

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 one day's 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 13th  
day of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Verne L. Stinson  
President  
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Commissioners