

Decision No. 86955

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investiga-)
 tion for the purpose of consid-)
 ering and determining minimum)
 vehicle unit rates for transpor-)
 tation of general commodities)
 statewide as provided in Minimum)
 Rate Tariff 15 and the revisions)
 or reissues thereof.)

Case No. 7783
 Petition for Modification
 No. 150
 (Filed January 26, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

Boyd Trucking Co., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier. By this petition it seeks authority to continue to publish and maintain vehicle unit rates and charges lower than those prescribed as minimum in Minimum Rate Tariff 15 for the transportation of lumber and forest products between points within 250 miles of Anderson or Red Bluff. Petitioner also requests that the authority be modified effective February 11, 1977, by: (a) increasing the monthly vehicle unit charge from \$2,339 to \$2,421 per unit; (b) increasing the hourly rate for excess hours from \$13.275 to \$14.85; and (c) increasing the mileage rate from 29.25 cents to 30 cents per mile.¹

The petition is based on special circumstances and conditions detailed therein.

¹ The present and proposed rates and charges for the involved transportation are:

<u>Services</u>	<u>Present Minimum Rates and Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Rates and Charge</u>
Monthly Vehicle Unit Charge	\$2,801.00	\$2,421.00
Mileage Rate	.3250	.30
Premium Pay Hourly Rate	16.50	14.85

Revenue and expense data submitted by petitioner indicate that the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable under the proposed rates.

The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 27, 1977. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that petitioner's proposal is reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Boyd Trucking Co., a corporation, is hereby authorized to extend the expiration date of the rates authorized by Decision 85445, as amended by Decision 86041, to February 11, 1978, with the following modifications to become effective February 11, 1977:

- (a) The monthly vehicle charge may be increased from \$2,339 to \$2,421 per unit.
- (b) The hourly rate for excess hours may be increased from \$13.275 to \$14.85.
- (c) The mileage rate may be increased from 29.25 cents to 30 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, on the one hand, and points within 250 miles of Anderson, excluding Camino, on the other hand.

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- (b) Limited to shippers at Anderson who contract for the rental of at least five units of equipment.
- (c) Limited to the transportation of lumber and forest products between Red Bluff, on the one hand, and points within 250 miles of Red Bluff, excluding Camino, on the other hand.
- (d) Limited to shippers at Red Bluff who contract for the rental of at least three 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 461.5 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 Diego, California, this 9th day of February, 1977.

I abstain
William J. Sproul
 Commissioner

Robert B. Brown

 President

Vernon L. Sturgeon

F. Cross

Richard D. Grandle

 Commissioners