

Decision No. **88281** DEC 20 1977

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
In the matter of the Application)
of Commercial Transfer Incorporated)
ated, a California corporation,)
for authority to deviate from)
minimum rates for the transporta-)
tion of LUMBER and FOREST PRODUCTS) (Filed October 11, 1977)
and WOOD PRODUCTS, for AMERICAN)
FOREST PRODUCTS CORPORATION,)
Shipper, pursuant to Section 3666)
of the Public Utilities Code.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Commercial Transfer Incorporated, a California corporation, (CTI) requests authority to deviate from the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 in connection with the transportation of lumber, forest products and wood products for American Forest Products Corporation (American) between its plants in Foresthill, Fresno, Martell, North Fork and Stockton to points in the Los Angeles Basin Territory and points within San Diego County. Applicant states that it is now and has been transporting lumber forest products and wood products for the account of American for over 4 years and that the costs and revenue figures presented in its application are based on the experience gained by CTI in these prior movements.

The present minimum rates and the proposed rates in cents per 100 pounds for representative 50,000 pound shipments of lumber are:

From	To	Present Rates	Proposed Rates
Foresthill	Los Angeles MZ 238	97	74
Fresno	San Diego MZ 314	86	68
Martell	Long Beach MZ 253	92	70

Applicant avers that it is now and has been profitably transporting a significant amount of the above-named products for American, from the aforementioned points at alternative rail rates, which are lower than the proposed rates; that it is now required to frequently move empty equipment to Riverside in order to have sufficient equipment to handle northbound shipments of cement; that by securing more business from American trucks can move southbound loaded instead of empty; and, that by preserving business for the for-hire trucking it will help forestall diversion to proprietary hauling.

The shipper supports this request.

The authority is similar to another authority previously granted by the Commission to Osterkamp Trucking Inc., by Decision 87647, dated July 26, 1977, and revenue and expense data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable under the proposed rates.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 13, 1977. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application 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. Commercial Transfer Incorporated is authorized to perform the transportation shown in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof at not less than the rates set forth therein.
2. The authority granted herein shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner cancelled, modified or extended by further order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of DECEMBER, 1977.

I dissent:
William Lyons Jr.

Robert Bateman
President

Virginia L. Stegeman
Arthur P. Gault
Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dadrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.