

Decision No. 37165

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Establishment of)
maximum or minimum, or maximum and)
minimum rates, rules and regulations)
of all common carriers as defined in)
the Public Utilities Act of the State)
of California, as amended, and all)
highway carriers as defined in Chapter)
223, Statutes of 1935, as amended, for)
the transportation, for compensation)
or hire, of any and all commodities.)

ORIGINAL

Case No. 4246

BY THE COMMISSION:

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 32608, as amended, in this proceeding prescribed minimum rates for the transportation of refined petroleum products in bulk in tank equipment. The rate applicable to the transportation of unfinished gasoline, suitable only for further refining or blending from Harpertown to Avon is 25½ cents per 100 pounds. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company seek authority to reduce this rate to 22½ cents per 100 pounds on one day's notice; said rate to expire one year after its effective date.

The verified petition shows that Tidewater Associated Oil Company has arranged to purchase a large quantity of unfinished gasoline at Harpertown to be used at Avon in the manufacture of 100 octane aviation gasoline for the United States Government; that the oil company is able to transport this gasoline in its own tank trucks at a lower cost than the present rail rate; and, that establishment of the proposed rate, which is alleged to be fully compensatory, is necessary to permit the gasoline to be moved by rail.

The Tank Truck Operators Association offers no objection to the proposed rate adjustment.

Under the circumstances, it appears that a public hearing is not necessary and that deviation from the established minimum rates, as proposed, is justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company be and they are hereby authorized to publish and file on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public a carload rate of $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 100 pounds for the transportation in tank cars of unfinished gasoline, suitable only for further refining or blending from Harpertown to Avon; said rate to expire one (1) year from its effective date.

In all other respects Decision No. 32608, as amended, in this proceeding, shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of June, 1944.

Richard L. Kachel
Justus F. Cramer

Frank A. Powell

Commissioners