

Decision No. 37642

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## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION OF ROSE )  
 DOUDELL DOING BUSINESS AS DOUDELL )  
 TANK LINES FOR RELIEF UNDER SECTION )  
 ELEVEN (11) OF THE HIGHWAY CARRIERS' ) Application No. 26510  
 ACT FROM MINIMUM RATES APPLICABLE )  
 TO TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM CRUDE )  
 OIL, BY TANK TRUCK BETWEEN POINTS )  
 WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By petition, Rose Doudell, doing business as Doudell Tank Lines, seeks authority to transport bulk crude oil in tank truck equipment for Tide Water Associated Oil Company at a rate less than that established as minimum.

A public hearing was had at San Francisco on January 22, 1945, before Examiner Mulgrew.

The transportation involved is from the George F. Getty and Pacific Western Oil Company leases and the Union Oil Company pump station at Orcutt to the Associated refinery at Pacer.<sup>1</sup> The sought rate for this transportation is 5 cents per 42-gallon barrel and the established minimum rate, stated on a per barrel basis, is 8.1 cents.<sup>2</sup>

In support of this proposal, it is urged that the applicable minimum rate has been prescribed for a maximum distance of 10 miles whereas the transportation involved is for distances of only

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<sup>1</sup> Pacer is a point in Santa Barbara County situated approximately 3½ miles west of Santa Maria. The Getty and Pacific Western Oil leases are located approximately 3 miles southeast of Pacer; the pump station is 7 miles southwest thereof.

<sup>2</sup> The minimum rate, which was established in Decision No. 32608, as amended, in Cases Nos. 4246 and 4434 is 2½ cents per 100 pounds.

3 and 7 miles; that some 30,000 barrels of oil will be transported per month; that loading and unloading can each be completed within 20 to 30 minutes; that facilities therefor are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week; and that the equipment will be used in hauling the interested shipper's products approximately 16 hours per day, 11 of which will be in the service involved in this application. A revenue and cost study submitted by applicant indicates that the proposed rate will return a substantial profit after payment of all operating costs. It is alleged that the traffic will be diverted to proprietary operations in the event the sought authority is denied.

No one opposed the granting of the application.

It appears from the record that the sought rate will be reasonable in the face of the unusually favorable circumstances which will obtain for the transportation in question. The application will be granted. Due, however, to the possibility that the conditions under which this service is performed may change at any time, the authority will be limited to a one-year period.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rose Doudell, doing business as Doudell Tank Lines, be and she is hereby authorized to transport crude oil, in tank truck equipment, for Tide Water Associated Oil Company from the George F. Getty and Pacific Western Oil Company leases and the Union Oil Company pump station at Orcutt to the Tide Water Associated Oil Company refinery at Pacer at a rate less than the established minimum rate, but not less than five (5) cents per 42-gallon barrel.

This authority will expire one (1) year from the effective date of this order unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by appropriate order of the Commission..

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1945..

*L. Harold Anderson*  
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*John H. Russell*  
*Frank W. Allen*  
Commissioners