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Decision No. <u>40499</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of VENTURA TRANSFER COMPANY, a Corporation, for Authority to Charge Less Than Minimum Rates under the Provisions of the Highway Carriers' Act.

Application No. 28553

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant transports petroleum crude oil in tank truck equipment for Standard Oil Company from a point approximately 52 miles west of El Rio to a pipe-line pump station located some 14 miles north of Chrisman. The minimum rate for this transportation, established by Decision No. 32608, as amended, in Case No. 4246, in re Rates of <u>All Common and Highway Carriers</u>, is 6 cents per 100 pounds. Authority to observe a 44-cent rate is sought.

The application shows that the applicable minimum rate is a so-called "group" rate; that this rate is in excess of, and the proposed rate is the same as, the minimum rate for the mileage involved between points where "group" rates are not provided; and that under the favorable loading and unloading facilities and the steady volume of movement, the proposed rate will be compensatory.

Under the circumstances, it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the sought authority is justified and should be granted. However, because conditions under which the transportation in question is performed may change at any time, the authorization will be limited to a oneyear period.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Venture Transfer Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to transport petroleum crude oil, in bulk in tank truck equipment, for Standard Oil Company from a location approximately 5½ miles west of El Rio to that Company's pipe-line pump station located approximately 1½ miles north of Chrisman at a rate of not less than 4½ cents per 100 pounds; that in all other respects the transportation involved shall be subject to the provisions of Decision No. 32608, as amended, in Case No. 4246; and that unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by order of the Commission this authority shall expire one (1) year from the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>St</u>day of July, 1947.

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