

Decision No. 41819

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Establishment)
of rates, rules and regulations for)
the transportation of property by)
common carriers as defined in the)
Public Utilities Act and highway)
carriers as defined in the Highway)
Carriers' Act.)

Case No. 4246

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum rates for the transportation of refined petroleum products have been prescribed by Decision No. 32608 of December 5, 1939, as amended, in this proceeding. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company seeks authority to deviate from the established minimum rates in connection with the transportation of partially refined petroleum oil from Richmond to Mopeco. Petitioner proposes to publish, on less than statutory notice, a rate of 27 cents per 100 pounds, subject to the increases authorized by Decision No. 40892, as amended, in Application No. 28744, Increased Railroad Freight Rates (1947). Its current rate is 35 cents, subject to these increases.

It is alleged that Standard Oil Company intends to move a large quantity of the commodity in question from Richmond to Mopeco; that this oil is suitable only for further manufacture; that the company is able to perform its own transportation with tank truck equipment at a lesser cost than the present rail rate; that the sought rate will be fully compensatory; that it is the same as the rate authorized by Decision No. 39489 of October 8, 1946, as amended, for movements in the opposite direction; and that its establishment on short notice is necessary to avoid loss of traffic.

The Tank Truck Operators Association has been advised of the proposed adjustment. It has offered no objection thereto.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the relief sought is justified under the circumstances. Due to the possibility that conditions may change at any time, the authority will be limited to a period of one year and made subject to earlier cancellation, modification or extension by order of the Commission.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner be and it is hereby authorized to publish and file, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, a carload rate of 27 cents per 100 pounds, subject to the increases authorized by Decision No. 40892, as amended, in Application No. 28744, for the transportation in tank cars of petroleum oil, partially refined, suitable only for further manufacturing, blending or processing, minimum carload weight 50,000 pounds, subject to Rule 35 of the Western Classification, estimated weight 6.6 pounds per gallon, from Richmond to Mopeco.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one year from the effective date of this order, unless sooner cancelled, changed, or extended by order of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of July, 1948.

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 Commissioners