

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41896

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
United Towing Co., a corporation,)	
for an order authorizing an increase)	Application No. 29528
in rates and the issuance of a permit)	
to additional vessels.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a for-hire vessel carrier. It transports bulk fuel oil for Shell Oil Company, Inc. and Union Oil Company of California in the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor area. By this application, it seeks authority to increase the rates for this service by one cent per barrel, the minimum charge per trip from \$80 to \$100, and the delivery charge to vessels at Long Beach Harbor from \$20 to \$25. It also seeks authority to place three additional barges in the service.

The verified application shows that no change in rates has been made since 1940; that, by reason of increased costs of operation, a substantial loss was sustained during the past year; that the proposed rates are expected to result in a reasonable profit; and that these rates are satisfactory to the interested shippers. The three barges intended to be added in this service are described in the application.

It appears that the application meets the requirements of the For-Hire Vessel Act. It will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that United Towing Co., a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to increase its rates and charges as proposed in this application, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public; and that the

"For-Hire Vessel" permits issued to said United Towing Co. for the transportation here involved be and they are hereby amended so as to authorize the operation of Barges Nos. 2, 5, 9, 1927 and 1929, as more specifically described in this application.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of July, 1948.

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Commissioners