

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 44720

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Petition of)	
John Doudell for relief under)	
Section Eleven (11) of the Highway)	
Carriers' Act from minimum rates)	
applicable to transportation of)	Application No. 31698
liquid petroleum products, namely,)	
crude oil and distillate fuel oil)	
between points in the State of)	
California.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant formerly transported crude oil for Tide Water Associated Oil Company from wells near Zaca to Santa Maria and points within a 5-mile radius of that city. He also transported fuel oil distillate on return trips. Decision No. 41299 of March 9, 1948, as amended, in Application No. 29063, authorized him to deviate from the established minimum rates by observing a rate of not less than 11 cents per barrel for the transportation involved. That authority expired March 9, 1950. By this application he seeks authority to recommence these operations under a rate of 14 cents per barrel.

The verified application shows that prior to the expiration of the above referred to authority, the operations were discontinued due to the shutting-in of the Zaca oil field; that the Zaca oil field will reopen and commence operations on or about August 30, 1950; and that applicant has been requested by Tide Water Associated Oil Company to perform the same service as previously authorized at the proposed rate. The application further shows that the conditions under which the transportation will be performed have

not appreciably changed; that such conditions are better than average; that revenue and expense estimates show that operations under the proposed rate may reasonably be expected to be profitable; and that the proposed rate is necessary to avoid diversion of the traffic to proprietary operations.

Competing carriers were notified of the application. No objection has been offered.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The sought rate is justified and should be authorized. Applicant will be permitted to amend his tariffs accordingly. Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority will be limited to a one-year period. As the oil field is now being reopened, the order herein will be made effective immediately.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that John Doudell be and he is hereby authorized to publish and file on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and public in Tank Truck Operators Tariff Bureau Tariff Cal.P.U.C. No. 5 of Elmer Ahl, Agent, a rate of fourteen (14) cents per 42-gallon barrel, on crude oil in bulk in tank truck equipment from Tide Water Associated Oil Company's oil wells situated six miles northeast of Zaca to Santa Maria and points within a 5-mile radius of Stowell Road and Broadway Street, Santa Maria, and distillate fuel oil in bulk in tank truck equipment from Santa Maria and points

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Applicant is now a common carrier subject to the provisions of the Public Utilities Act and has tariffs on file with the Commission. The former authority was granted at the time applicant was a carrier subject to the Highway Carriers' Act. It was limited to hauling for Tide Water Associated Oil Company. The rate now to be published will be necessarily available to all shippers.

within a 5-mile radius of Stowell Road and Broadway Street, Santa Maria, to said oil wells; and that the rate authorized herein shall expire one (1) year after the effective date hereof unless sooner canceled, changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that John Doudell be and he is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 24(a) of the Public Utilities Act to the extent necessary to exercise the authority herein granted.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of August, 1950.

R. E. Anderson
Justice J. Greener
Harold H. Hulse
Kenneth P. Patton
Commissioners