

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45035

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
JOHN W. DOUDELL for authority to)	
charge less than minimum rates as)	
established by Decision No. 36208,)	Application No. 31867
Cases Nos. 4246 and 4434, as amended,)	
for the transportation of petroleum)	
and petroleum products within the)	
State of California.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a common carrier of bulk petroleum and petroleum products. Decision No. 44720 of August 29, 1950, in Application No. 31698, authorized him to publish, on a temporary basis, a tariff rate less than the corresponding minimum rates for the transportation of petroleum crude oil from the Zaca Field to points within a 5-mile radius of the center of Santa Maria and for the transportation of distillate fuel oil in the reverse direction. Applicant now seeks authority to enlarge the Santa Maria area from a 5-mile to a 7½-mile radius and to make the necessary tariff publication on one day's notice.

The verified application shows that increasing production in the Zaca Field will require the use of receiving facilities for crude oil situated beyond the present 5-mile Santa Maria radius; that increasing distillate fuel oil requirements for priming the wells will similarly require enlarging the Santa Maria area so as to include additional sources of distillate in that vicinity; and that the sought authority would cover all receiving facilities and distillate sources in the Santa Maria area. The application further shows that under the proposed enlargement of the area involved all of the

points at which deliveries would be made, as well as all of the points at which distillate would originate, would involve hauls less than the maximum distance covered by the present authority; and that transportation from and to the additional points involved would be surrounded by favorable conditions comparable to those surrounding transportation from and to the points covered by the present authority.

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

It appears that the proposed rate basis is reasonable and that the sought authority to extend the area in question is justified. Applicant will be permitted to amend his tariff accordingly. The request for authority to publish the sought basis on one day's notice was not supported by any showing. It will be denied.

A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that John W. Doudell be and he is hereby authorized to publish and file in Tank Truck Operators Tariff Bureau Tariff Cal.P.U.C. No. 5 of Elmer Ahl, Agent, a rate of 14 cents per 42-gallon barrel on crude oil in bulk in tank truck equipment from oil wells situated six miles northeast of Zaca to Santa Maria and points within a $7\frac{1}{2}$ -mile radius of Stowell Road and Broadway Street, Santa Maria, and on distillate fuel oil in bulk in tank truck equipment from Santa Maria and points within a $7\frac{1}{2}$ -mile radius of Stowell Road and Broadway Street, Santa Maria, to said oil wells, to expire September 18, 1951, unless sooner canceled, changed or further extended by order of the Commission; and to depart from the provisions of Section 24(a) of the Public Utilities Act to the extent necessary to exercise the additional authority herein granted.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects the above-entitled application be and it is hereby denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of November, 1950.

R. Z. Johnson
Justice J. Callahan
Wesley Powell
Harold Hule
Penelope Patten
Commissioners