

Decision No. 45268

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)	Application No. 31867
established by Decision No. 36208,)	(Supplemental)
Cases Nos. 4246 and 4434, as amended,)	
for the transportation of petroleum)	
and petroleum products within the)	
State of California.)	

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a common carrier of bulk petroleum and petroleum products. Decision No. 45035 of November 21, 1950, 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 7-1/2 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 reduce the presently authorized rate of 14 cents per barrel to 13 cents for the transportation of the crude oil, and to 7.7 cents per barrel for the transportation of the distillate fuel oil. The latter rate is proposed to be made subject to a minimum charge of \$10.00 per load. Applicant also seeks authority to publish the reduced rates on one day's notice and to depart from the long and short haul provisions of Section 24(a) of the Public Utilities Act.

The verified supplemental application shows that applicant's cost experience since commencing the transportation service involved has demonstrated that operations under the proposed reduced rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable. It is represented that unless the lower rates are promptly established the traffic will be diverted to proprietary operations.

Competing carriers were notified of the sought rate reductions. No objection to these proposals has been offered.

It appears that the proposed reduced rates are reasonable. Applicant will be permitted to amend his tariff accordingly. The publication of the sought rates will be authorized on five days' notice to the Commission and public rather than on the sought one day's notice.

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 13 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 7-1/2 mile radius of Stowell Road and Broadway Street, Santa Maria, and a rate of 7.7 cents per 42-gallon barrel, subject to a minimum charge of \$10.00 per load, on distillate fuel oil in bulk in tank truck equipment from Santa Maria and points within a 7-1/2 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of January, 1951.

John W. Doudell
Justice F. Gallivan
Harold P. Hubbs
Reverette Patten
Commissioners