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Decision No. 45413

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION for an Order Authorizing Abandonment and Removal of its Lebec to Mojave Petroleum Pipe Line.

Application No. 32094

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application General Petroleum Corporation requests authorization to abandon and remove a petroleum pipe line extending from the town of Lebec to the town of Mojave, California.

Applicant has advised the Commission that it will likewise remove the Quail Pump Station, the Antelope Pump Station, the Willow Pump Station, and the Mojave Station and Loading Rack located at Mojave.

The pipe line was constructed to supply the fuel oil needs of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Since the requirements of the railroad are now primarily for diesel oil, there is no longer a need for the fuel oil line. No petroleum products have been transported over the Lebec-Mojave pipe line during the past five years for any account other than for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. In addition, the delivery of petroleum products over said pipe line has declined materially during the past three years and the operation of the pipe line ceased as of January, 1950.

The Commission has been furnished a letter dated February 20, 1951 to the applicant from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad stating there is no longer any need of maintaining the Lebec-Mojave pipe line for the purpose of serving the railway with fuel oil requirements at Mojave.

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Applicant has on file certain tariff sheets setting forth the rates and regulations for the transportation of crude petroleum. It will be necessary that said tariff sheets be appropriately modified and refiled to reflect the abandonment of the facilities hereinafter authorized.

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that General Petroleum Corporation is authorized to abandon and remove the petroleum pipe line running between the town of Lebec and the town of Mojave, California, and the pump stations and related facilities hereinbefore referred to.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall file in quadruplicate with this Commission within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96, its rates and regulations for the transportation of crude petroleum to reflect the abandonment of facilities herein authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>6</u> <u>ay</u> of <u>March</u>, 1951.

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