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Decision No. 48002

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules, regulations,)
charges, allowances and practices)
of all common carriers, highway)
carriers and city carriers relating)
to the transportation of property.)

Case No. 4808

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Truck Service, Inc., operates as a highway common carrier of bulk petroleum and petroleum products. By this petition it seeks authority to establish a rate of 4.50 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of petroleum fuel oil in bulk in tank equipment from Martinez to Shell Point, a distance of 28 constructive miles.¹ The applicable minimum rate is 6.05 cents.

Since 1949 (Decision No. 42447 of January 25, 1949, in Application No. 29963), petitioner has been authorized to transport a different type of fuel oil between the same points, but in the opposite direction, at rates less than the minimum rates. Initially a rate of 3.85 cents was authorized. As costs have increased there have been upward rate adjustments until the rate now maintained is 4.50 cents, a rate of the same volume as that sought herein (Decision No. 47844 of October 21, 1952, in Case No. 4808).

The verified petition alleges that the volume of the additional traffic amounts to more than three million pounds per month, that loading and unloading facilities are available on a 24-hour basis, that the service may be performed at petitioner's convenience, that the same vehicles would be used as those transporting fuel oil between the same points in the opposite direction, and that petitioner

¹ Shell Point is situated in Contra Costa County approximately 3 miles west of Pittsburg.

can perform the additional transportation in question at a reasonable profit. The shipper has informed petitioner that it will resort to proprietary operations unless the sought authority is granted.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the proposed reduced rate is reasonable. The petition will be granted. Inasmuch as the rate authorized for transportation in the opposite direction is subject to expiration on November 19, 1953, the like rate herein authorized will be made subject to the same expiration date.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Truck Service, Inc. be and it is hereby authorized to publish, to expire November 19, 1953, a rate of 4½ cents per 100 pounds applicable to the transportation of petroleum fuel oil in tank trucks from Martinez to Shell Point.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of December, 1952.

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Commissioners