

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 48185

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
California & Pacific Truck Company, )  
a corporation, for authority to )  
deviate from the minimum rates )  
prescribed under the provisions of )  
the Highway Carriers' Act. )

Application No. 34005

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a highway contract carrier permit. By this application it seeks authority to deviate from the minimum rates established in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 in connection with the transportation and stringing of steel pipe for Engineers Limited Pipeline Co. The pipe is to be used in the construction of pipe lines for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company in the vicinities of Hinkley (west of Barstow), Tehachapi City, Kettleman City and Panoche (west of Fresno). Nearly all of the more than 450,000 feet of pipe involved will move from Montebello to the above areas. Several thousand feet, however, will move from Hinkley to the pipe line nearby, from Oakland to Kettleman City and from Kettleman City to Montebello.

The pipe will be 30 inches or greater in diameter and most of it will weigh approximately 130 pounds per linear foot. The rate proposed to be charged is a uniform rate of 72 cents per linear foot, the equivalent of 55 cents per 100 pounds. The applicable minimum rates for the transportation in question are stated in cents per 100 pounds and vary with the distances involved.

They range from 33 cents to 68 cents.<sup>1</sup> For the stringing operation the additional rate is \$8.95 per hour.<sup>2</sup> It is calculated that the total charges resulting from the sought rate would exceed those resulting from application of the minimum rates.

The verified application shows that pipe-line construction work is performed on a linear-foot basis, that a rate for the transportation and stringing of pipe on the same basis is desired to conform with this practice and that use of the sought rate would permit an accurate and simple method of arriving at freight charges on an over-all basis higher than the minimum rate basis.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection has been offered to its being granted.

In the circumstances it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the proposed rate is reasonable. 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 operations are already under way, the order herein will be made effective immediately.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that California & Pacific Truck Company be and it is hereby authorized to assess and collect a rate of 72 cents per linear foot for the transportation of steel pipe for Engineers Limited Pipeline Co. from Montebello to points of destination on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company pipe lines in the vicinities of Hinkley, Tehachapi City, Kettleman City and Panoche, from Hinkley to the pipe line nearby, from Oakland to

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<sup>1</sup> The charges produced by the minimum rates are subject to an interim 9 percent surcharge.

<sup>2</sup> This rate is also subject to the 9 percent surcharge.

Kettleman City and from Kettleman City to Montebello, and for stringing operations in connection therewith, in lieu of the minimum rates and charges otherwise applicable.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one (1) year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1953.

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Commissioners