

Decision No. 48916

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
INDUSTRIAL TANK, INC., for authority	)	
to deviate from the provisions of	)	
Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 6 and to	)	Application No. 34376
publish a tariff on an hourly rate for	)	
the transportation of a natural gas	)	
odorant.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a highway contract carrier permit. By this application it seeks authority to deviate from the minimum rates established by Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 6 - City Carriers' Tariff No. 5 in connection with the transportation of petroleum derived odorant for the Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company. The operation involves deliveries of from 50 to 300 gallons of the odorant to some 16 natural gas storage tanks of the Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties. The service is standby and performed as the storage tanks near depletion of the proper consist of the odorant. A truck and trailer with a total capacity of 900 gallons is to be used in the operation..

Applicant proposes that a rate of \$7.25 per hour be assessed in lieu of the applicable minimum rates stated in cents per 100 pounds and varying with the distances involved. It is pointed out that the service requires more time and care in making connection to high pressure tanks than is usually required in deliveries from tank truck equipment. Applicant alleges that because of these unusual circumstances it is not feasible to assess rates based upon weight. It is calculated that the total charges resulting from the sought rate would exceed those resulting from

the application of the minimum rates.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection has been offered to its being granted. The Tank Truck Operators Tariff Bureau pointed out that the bureau has published a rate of \$7.00 per hour for a similar service.

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 Industrial Tank, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to assess and collect a rate of \$7.25 per hour for the transportation of petroleum gas odorant for the Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company between points in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties, in lieu of the minimum rates and charges otherwise applicable.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicants shall retain and preserve copies of their freight bills, subject to the Commission's inspection, for a period of not less than three years from the dates of issuance thereof; and that each such copy of their freight bills shall clearly show the basis upon which the charges have been assessed and the full information necessary for accurate determination of the charges under the authorized rate.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one 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 4th day of August, 1953.

California.

*A. J. ...*  
President

*Justin F. ...*  
*Harold ...*

*... Patten*  
*... Mitchell*  
Commissioners