

Decision No. 50425

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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)
established by Decision 36208, Cases)
4246 and 4434, as amended, for the)
transportation of petroleum and pet-)
roleum products within the State of)
California.)

Application No. 32585
(3rd Supplemental)

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant operates as a common carrier of bulk petroleum and petroleum products. By prior orders in this proceeding he was authorized to publish rates lower than the established minimum rates for the transportation of crude oil and distillate fuel oil between certain specified points. The reduced rates expire September 3, 1954. Permission is sought to continue to observe rates lower than the minimum rates for the transportation in question. Applicant proposes, however, to increase the authorized rates from 14.5 and 17 cents to 14.7 and 17.2 cents per 42-gallon barrel, respectively.

The supplemental application shows that, except for increased wage costs, the conditions surrounding the transportation which justified the establishment of reduced rates still obtain; that the higher wage costs will be offset by a reduction in fuel costs and by the proposed increases in the rates. It also shows that operations under the sought rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the sought authority is justified. Because conditions may change, however, the authority will be made to expire

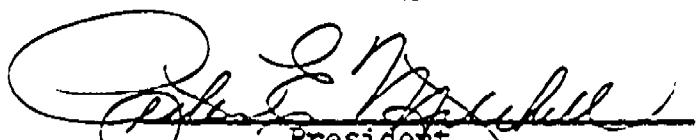
at the end of one year. Inasmuch as the present rates expire September 3, 1954, the order will be made effective ten days after the date hereof, and the tariff changes will be authorized to be made on not less than five days' notice.

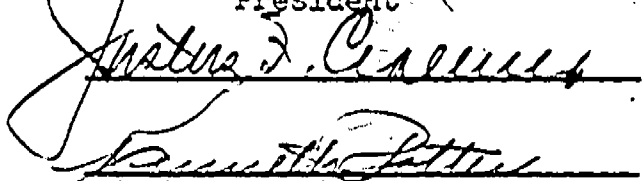
Therefore, good cause appearing,

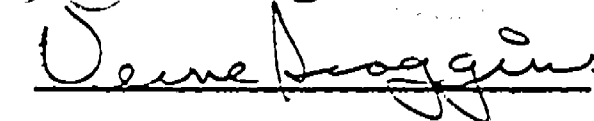
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that John W. Doudell be and he is hereby authorized to publish and file, and to make effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the following rates, to expire September 3, 1955, for the transportation of the specified commodities in bulk in tank truck equipment: (1) a rate of 17.2 cents per 42-gallon barrel on crude oil from oil wells in the Zaca Oil Field, situated six miles northeast of Zaca to Gaviota, (2) a rate of 14.7 cents per 42-gallon barrel on distillate fuel oil from Gaviota to the aforesaid wells, and (3) a rate of 17.2 cents per 42-gallon barrel on distillate fuel oil from Santa Maria and points within a radius of seven and one-half miles of the intersection of Stowell Road and Broadway Street, Santa Maria, to wells in the aforesaid Zaca Oil Field; and to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to exercise the authority herein granted.

This order shall become effective ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of August, 1954.



President




Commissioners