

Decision No. 51863

ORIGINAL

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 petroleum and petroleum products in
bulk (commodities for which rates are
provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6).

Case No. 5436
(Petition No. 15)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Ventura Transfer Company, a corporation, doing business as Orr Tank Lines, is a petroleum irregular route carrier. By Decision No. 51107 of February 15, 1955, in Application No. 36637, it was authorized to publish rates less than the minimum rates for the transportation of crude oil in bulk in tank vehicles from Le Roy Lease (San Luis Obispo County) to Carr Station and Battles Station (both in Santa Barbara County). The published rates of 3.85 and 4.25 cents per 100 pounds are scheduled to expire October 15, 1955. By this petition, authority is sought to maintain the 4.25-cent rate to Battles Station for a further one-year period and to cancel the 3.85-cent rate to Carr Station. In lieu of the Carr Station point, petitioner proposes to substitute a new destination point, Orcutt Refinery, and charge a rate of 4 cents per 100 pounds.

According to the petition, operations have been discontinued at Carr Station. Petitioner has been transporting petroleum crude oil, in bulk, to Orcutt Refinery since January, 1955, at the minimum rate of 4-3/4 cents per 100 pounds, as set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6. Petitioner further states that the loading and unloading facilities at Orcutt Refinery are open 24 hours per day and that an average time of only fifteen minutes is used in the loading or unloading operations. Petitioner also states that

Battles Station is beyond Orcutt Refinery and that the proposed rate differential of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per 100 pounds is justified and will be profitable for the ensuing year.

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the petition. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are justified. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The petition will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

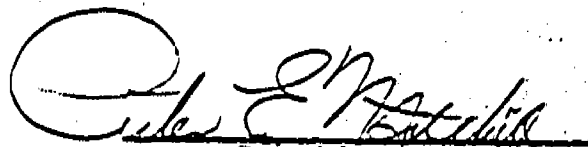
(1) That Ventura Transfer Company, a corporation doing business as Orr Tank Lines, operating as a petroleum irregular route carrier, be and it is hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to publish and file the following rates for the transportation of petroleum crude oil:

From Le Roy Lease to:	
Orcutt Refinery	4 cents per 100 pounds
Battles Station	4.25 cents per 100 pounds


(2) That the rates established under the authority granted by ordering paragraph (1) shall be published to expire one year after the effective date of this order.


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

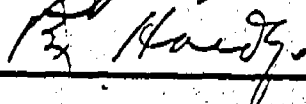
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of August, 1955.



President







Commissioners