

Decision No. 51892

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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 for)	Application No. 32585
the transportation of petroleum and)	(4th Supplemental)
petroleum products within the State)	
of California.)	

FOURTH 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, 1955. Permission is sought to continue to publish the same rates lower than the minimum rates for a further one-year period.

The supplemental application shows that the conditions surrounding the transportation which justified the lower rates still obtain. It shows also that operations under those rates have been profitable during the past year and are expected to continue to be profitable during the ensuing year. Applicant states that the use of equipment capable of carrying larger loads has resulted in increased revenues offsetting higher operating costs.

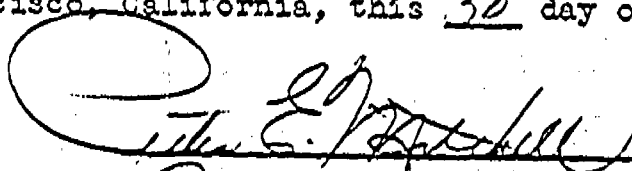
In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The supplemental application will be granted. Inasmuch as the published rates expire September 3, 1955, the order will be made effective immediately and the tariff changes will be authorized to be made on not less than two days' notice.

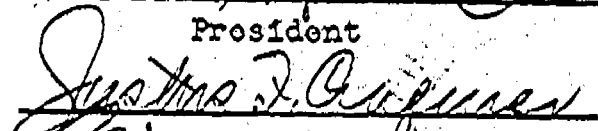
Therefore, good cause appearing,

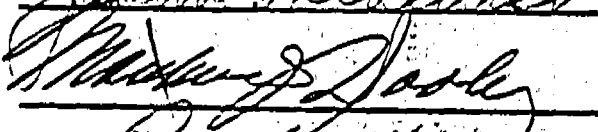
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that John W. Doudell be and he is hereby authorized to publish and file, and to make effective on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the following rates, to expire September 3, 1956, for the transportation of the specified commodities in bulk in tank 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.

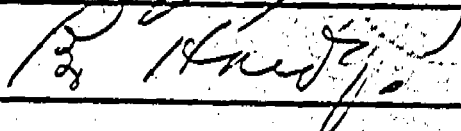
This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of August, 1955.



President






Commissioners