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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into the
 rates, rules, regulations, charges, allow-
 ances 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 for
 Modification
 No. 44
 (Filed May 22, 1961)

OPINION AND ORDER

Acme Transportation, Inc. seeks authority to publish and maintain rates less than the minimum rates for the transportation of aviation turbine fuel from Richmond to San Francisco International Airport. It proposes to publish and maintain the vehicle unit volume tender rates in Item 280 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6 which were established by the Commission in Decision No. 61462, dated February 7, 1961, for the transportation of gasoline and for petroleum fuel oil distillate in vehicles furnished for seven consecutive days and for thirty consecutive days.^{1/}

Petitioner has transported small shipments of aviation turbine fuel for Union Oil Company from the latter's distribution terminal in Richmond to facilities owned and operated by parties other than Union at the San Francisco International Airport. Union will have completed construction on or about June 15, 1961, of substantial facilities of its own at the airport for the storage of turbine fuel. The volume of movement from Richmond to those facilities is expected to be substantial.

^{1/} Item 280 also provides rates "per 24 consecutive hours." Petitioner does not propose to establish those rates for the transportation involved herein.

Aviation turbine fuel has the same transportation characteristics as kerosene and has a value less than that of gasoline. Petitioner is informed and believes that Union will conduct the operation with its own vehicles unless it is authorized to maintain the vehicle unit volume tender rates.

The minimum rates in Item 280 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6 were established in Decision No. 61462 to give carriers opportunity to participate in traffic of substantial volume that otherwise would move by proprietary facilities. The circumstances and conditions surrounding the movement of aviation turbine fuel from Richmond to the newly constructed storage facility are similar to those for which the volume tender rates were established.

The granting of the authority sought is not opposed. California Trucking Associations, Inc. suggests that the authority be scheduled to expire September 25, 1961, which is the date the rates in Item 280 are scheduled to expire. Petitioner requested that the rates be authorized for a period of one year but stated, however, that in the event the Commission should desire to maintain consistency with the expiration date of the rates in the minimum rate tariff, it would have no objection.

We find that the proposed rates are reasonable and are justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Acme Transportation, Inc., is authorized to establish for the transportation of aviation turbine fuel from Richmond to the San Francisco International Airport, the rates, rules and regulations established by the Commission in Decision No. 61462 dated February 7, 1961, as amended by Decision No. 62034 dated May 22, 1961, as minimum

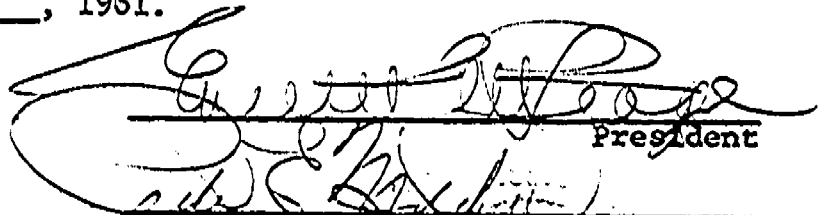
vehicle unit volume tender rates per seven consecutive days and per thirty consecutive days for the transportation of gasoline and/or petroleum fuel distillate.

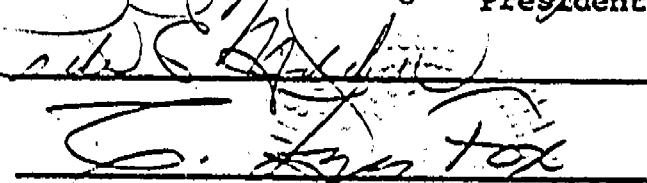
2. That the tariff publication authorized herein may be made effective on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

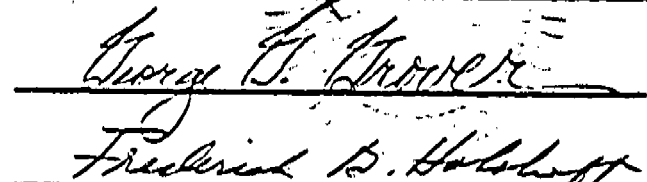
3. That the authority herein granted shall expire September 25, 1961, unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th
day of June, 1961.



President




Commissioners