

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 67031

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of PETROLEUM TANK LINE, a California )  
Corporation, to continue to charge )  
less than the minimum rates estab- )  
lished by the California Public )  
Utilities Commission as authorized )  
in Section 3666 of the Public )  
Utilities Code of the State )  
of California. )

Application No. 46233  
(Filed February 25, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier and high-  
way contract carrier permits.<sup>1</sup> By Decision No. 65135 dated  
March 26, 1963, in Application No. 44670, it was authorized to  
assess hourly rates in lieu of the established minimum rates in  
cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of welding equipment  
and welding supplies for Moore's Welding Supply Company from  
Sacramento to Chico. The authority is scheduled to expire with  
April 15, 1964. By this application authority is sought to  
continue the same rate deviation for another year.

Applicant alleges that the type of transportation ser-  
vice it furnishes the shipper under the present authority is dif-  
ferent from the type of service normally contemplated under the  
minimum rates. Applicant furnishes the tractor and the driver;  
the shipper furnishes and maintains the trailer and performs the  
loading at Sacramento; the driver assists only in the unloading  
at Chico. The one-way mileage between applicant's yard in  
Sacramento and point of delivery in Chico is about 93.5 miles,  
and approximately one round trip per week is made in performing  
this transportation.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant also transports petroleum and petroleum products in  
tank trucks as a highway common carrier and a petroleum irregu-  
lar route carrier. Such operating authorities are not involved  
herein.

Applicant states that the actual weights of the separate commodities comprising each shipment are not known and it would be burdensome to the shipper to ascertain such weights if minimum rates were applied. The simplified billing procedures currently employed for this transportation assertedly result in substantial economies to both the shipper and the carrier.

Applicant further alleges that no competition exists for this traffic inasmuch as no other carriers are engaged in the specialized transportation service which it performs. The shipper previously performed the service itself, and is in a position to do so again if the sought rate authority is not granted.

Applicant states that the transportation has been profitable due to efficient operations, and will continue to be profitable for the ensuing year under the proposed rates. Applicant states that its current operating ratio under this authority is approximately 93 percent.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was served upon California Trucking Association on or about February 21, 1964. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective April 15, 1964.

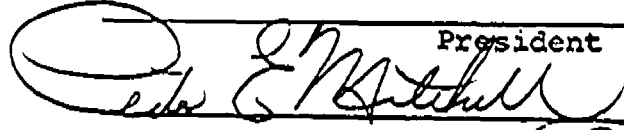
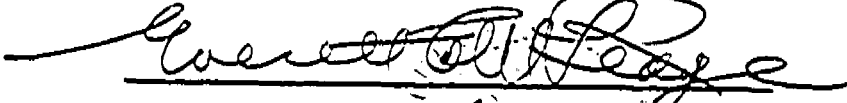
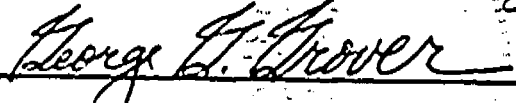

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Petroleum Tank Line, a corporation operating as a highway contract carrier, is authorized to transport welding equipment and welding supplies for Moore's Welding Supply Company from Sacramento to Chico at rates different from the minimum rates but not less than those specified in, and subject to the conditions set forth in, Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after April 15, 1964, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 65135, and shall expire with April 15, 1965.

The effective date of this order shall be April 15, 1964.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1964.

  
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Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 67031

1. Petroleum Tank Line, a corporation operating as a highway contract carrier, is authorized to transport welding equipment and welding supplies for Moore's Welding Supply Company from Sacramento to Chico at rates which deviate from the minimum rates but not less than the following:

\$10.50 per hour running time Sacramento to Chico and return.

\$ 5.50 per hour for the time the tractor is standing by for loading or unloading of the trailer.

2. The rates authorized by paragraph 1 are to be applied only when the following conditions are observed in connection therewith.

- (a) Applicant shall furnish tractor and driver only.
- (b) Trailer shall be furnished and maintained by Moore's Welding and Supply Company.
- (c) Trailer shall be loaded by the aforesaid shipper.
- (d) Applicant's driver shall assist in unloading of trailer at Chico only.
- (e) Running time shall be computed from departure of carrier's equipment from carrier's terminal at Sacramento until arrival at point of destination and from point of destination until return to carrier's terminal at Sacramento.
- (f) Standby time is that which elapses while carrier's tractor remains idle by reason of loading or unloading of shipper's trailer.
- (g) Time taken by carrier's driver for meals shall not be included in the time on which the rates hereinabove authorized are assessed.
- (h) Fractions of an hour shall be computed in accordance with the following table:

<u>Over</u>	<u>But Not Over</u>	<u>Use</u>
0 Minutes	8 Minutes	Omit
8 Minutes	23 Minutes	$\frac{1}{4}$ Hour
23 Minutes	38 Minutes	$\frac{1}{2}$ Hour
38 Minutes	53 Minutes	$\frac{3}{4}$ Hour
53 Minutes	60 Minutes	1 Hour

- (i) Articles to be transported need not be itemized on the shipping documents. Each shipping document shall identify the property to be transported thereunder as "welding equipment and/or welding supplies."

(End of Appendix A)