

Decision No. 79557

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 and highway)
carriers relating to the trans-)
portation of petroleum and petro-)
leum products in bulk (commodities)
for which rates are provided in)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6-A).)

Case No. 5436
Petition for Modification
No. 119
(Filed March 23, 1972)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

California Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier and petroleum irregular route carrier. By this petition, it seeks authority to publish a less-than-minimum rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 50,000 pounds, for the transportation of log wax, in bulk, from Oleum and Richmond to Stockton.¹

Petitioner states that it performs the transportation service with a 3-axle tractor and a 40-foot semitrailer five or six days per week. Petitioner alleges that the use factor of the unit of equipment involved in the aforementioned operation and the loading and unloading conditions are favorable. Petitioner declares that the shipper, California Cedar Products Company of Stockton, has informed it that proprietary operations will be considered for the transportation in question should the sought authority not be obtained. Petitioner avers that the loss of this business would be detrimental to it and asserts that the need for relief in this matter is urgent.

¹The current minimum rate is 20 cents per 100 pounds.

Copy of the petition was mailed to California Trucking Association on or about March 21, 1972. The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 24, 1972. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the petition and recommends that it be granted by ex parte order on an interim basis pending decision on evidence to be adduced at a public hearing.

Subject to further review upon consideration of evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. In view of the existing conditions, the Commission concludes that the petition should be granted on an interim basis for a period of six months. A future hearing will be scheduled in this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to publish and file, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and the public, a rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 50,000 pounds per shipment, for the transportation of log wax, in bulk, from Oleum and Richmond to Stockton, subject to the condition that the consignee shall make its premises available to enable the carrier to perform service on a 24-hour basis. The rate authorized herein shall be published to expire six months after the effective date of this order.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire six months after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

3. A public hearing shall be scheduled in this proceeding for the receipt of evidence on the petition and full disposition thereof.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 18th day of April, 1972.

Chairman

Herman L. Stungen

Commissioners