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Decision No. 82281

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

Case No. 5436 Petition for Modification No. 137

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

California Tank Lines, Inc. operates as a highway common carrier and petroleum irregular route carrier. By Decision No. 81487 dated June 19, 1973 in Case No. 5436 (Petition for Modification No. 137), it was authorized to publish a rate of 16 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 50,000 pounds for shipments of log wax, in bulk, from Oleum and Richmond to Stockton. Said rate is lower than the minimum rate applicable to the transportation. The rate of 16 cents is scheduled to expire December 31, 1973. By its petition filed December 12, 1973, it seeks to extend to March 31, 1974 the authority granted by Decision No. 81487 at a rate two cents higher than the one presently authorized.

Revenue and expense data submitted by petitioner indicate that the transportation at the proposed rate will be profitable.

Petitioner states that "the shipper is likely to begin its own proprietary operation for this transportation if petitioner is not able to continue this transportation at a reduced rate, as herein proposed."

Subject to further review at a public hearing, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted until March 31, 1974.

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IT IS ORDERED that California Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to publish and file, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, a rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge as provided in WMTB Tariff 18, Item 270, but not less than the charge resulting from the application of said rate to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds, for the transportation of the grade of paraffin known as log wax, in bulk, from Oleum and Richmond to Stockton via the routes set forth below, and subject to the following limitations and conditions:

- (a) Consignees shall make its premises available to enable the carrier to perform service on a 24-hour basis.
- (b) The commodity "lcg wax" shall be defined in the carrier's tariff.
- (c) The rate shall be made applicable only via the following routes:

From Richmond to Stockton

From Richmond southerly on State Highway 17 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 50 at San Leandro; thence easterly on U.S. Highway 50 to Stockton; or

From Richmond northerly on U.S. Highway 80 to its intersection with State Highway 4 near Pinole; thence easterly on State Highway 4 to Stockton.

From Oleum to Stockton

From Oleum easterly on unnumbered highway to U.S. Highway 80 to its intersection with State Highway 4 near Pinole; thence easterly on State Highway 4 to Stockton.

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(d) The rate shall be scheduled to expire March 31, 1974. The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this <u>2/2</u> day of <u>DECEMBER</u>, 1973.

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Commissioner Vernen L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.