

Decision No. 84253**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 transpor- )  
 tation of petroleum and petroleum )  
 products in bulk (commodities for )  
 which rates are provided in Minimum )  
 Rate Tariff No. 6-B. )

Case No. 5436  
 Petition for Modification  
 No. 185  
 (Filed February 14, 1975;  
 amended March 4, 1975)

O P I N I O N

California Tank Lines, Inc. operates as a highway common carrier and petroleum irregular route carrier. By Decision No. 82553 dated March 12, 1974 in Case No. 5436 (Petition for Modification No. 137), it was authorized to publish a rate of 18 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 18 cents is scheduled to expire March 31, 1975. By its petition filed February 14, 1975, it seeks to extend to March 31, 1976 the authority granted by Decision No. 82553 at a rate three 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."

Petitioner was originally granted authority to publish a rate less than the minimum rate by Decision No. 80449 dated August 31, 1972 in Case No. 5436 (Petition for Modification No. 119). Petitioner states that the conditions surrounding the transportation are the same as described in Decision No. 80449. The conditions need not be restated here.

Copies of the petition and amendment were mailed to the California Trucking Association. The petition and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 19, and March 5, 1975. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

Findings

1. The transportation has characteristics different from the usual transportation of petroleum products.
2. The proposed rates are compensatory.
3. The proposed rates are reasonable and justified.

The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted. As conditions may change the authority will be made to expire March 31, 1976 unless sooner canceled, changed, or extended by order of the Commission.

O R D E R

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 21 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 their premises available to enable the carrier to perform service on a 24-hour basis.
- (b) The commodity "log 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 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.

(d) The rate shall expire March 31, 1976 unless sooner canceled, changed, or extended by the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th  
day of MARCH, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Lyons  
[Signature]

Leonard Ross  
Commissioners