

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

**RESOLUTION O-0020
March 12, 1998**

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION O-0020. ARCO PIPE LINE COMPANY SEEKS APPROVAL TO ABANDON ITS COMMON CARRIER SERVICE FOR LINE 72. APPROVED.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 47, FILED ON DECEMBER 22, 1997.

SUMMARY

1. Arco Pipe Line Company (APL) seeks approval to abandon its common carrier service for Line 72.
2. For the past two years, Line 72 has been shut down because of damage to the pipeline from the heavy rains of 1995. Shippers using Line 72 prior to the shut down were forced to find other viable modes of transportation. Currently there is no transportation over Line 72. APL was unsuccessful in its attempts to sell Line 72 to local producers.
3. No protest were filed.
4. This resolution approves Advice Letter (AL) No. 47

BACKGROUND

1. On December 22, 1997, APL filed AL No. 47 requesting authority to abandon its common carrier service for Line 72. This pipeline system is about 15 miles in length carrying crude petroleum and indirect liquid products from Ojai/Timber Canyon, Ventura County to the Texaco Filmore Station in Ventura County.
2. In 1995, heavy rains caused earth movement in the vicinity of Line 72 causing it to shut down. The pipeline has been shut down ever since. APL attempted to sell the line to local producers but was unsuccessful.
3. APL states there are no shippers or other producers who would be impacted by this action because shippers who had used the line prior to the shut down have now found other viable modes of transportation.

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NOTICE

1. Notice of AL No. 47 was made by mailing copies of the filing to all tariff subscribers and other interested parties.

PROTEST

1. No protest were received for AL No. 47.

DISCUSSION

1. AL No. 47 should be approved because APL's abandonment of its common carrier service in Line 72 will not affect any other shippers or producer.
2. In 1995, heavy rains caused earth movement in the vicinity of Line 72 causing the line to be shut down. Line 72 has been inactive in excess of two years.
3. Shippers who had been using Line 72 prior to the shut down have found other viable modes of transportation.
4. APL's attempts to sell Line 72 to local producers were unsuccessful.
5. APL believes that based on its current cost of service, removal of Line 72 from its overall base rate is not expected to impact the current rates of APL's other regulated pipeline services.

FINDINGS

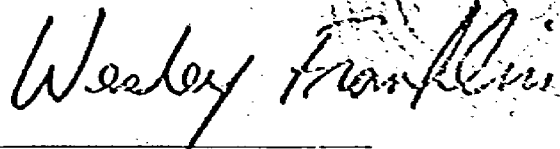
1. APL filed AL No. 47 on December 22, 1997 requesting authority to abandon its common carrier service for Line 72.
2. In 1995, heavy rains caused earth movement in the vicinity of Line 72 causing the line to be shut down. Currently there is no transportation on Line 72 as it has been inactive for a period in excess of two years.
3. Shippers who had been using Line 72 prior to the shut down have found other viable modes of transportation. APL was unsuccessful in its attempts to sell Line 72 to local producers.
4. APL's abandonment of its common carrier service for Line 72 will not negatively affect any shippers or producers.

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THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Arco Pipeline Company's request for approval of Advice Letter 47 to abandon its common carrier service of Line 72 is approved.
2. This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on March 12, 1998. The following Commissioners approved it:



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