

Decision No. 23168.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of BOLINAS BAY TRANSPORTATION)
COMPANY for the discontinuance of)
public service.)

Application No. 16879.

Louis E. Petar, for Applicant.

LOUTRETT, Commissioner:

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O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by the Bolinas Bay Transportation Company, a copartnership, for authority to discontinue the operation of vessels for the transportation of persons and property between San Francisco and Bolinas.

A public hearing was held at Bolinas October 30, 1930, and the matter submitted.

Applicant operates one vessel between San Francisco and Bolinas, mainly devoted to carrying freight, with a negligible amount of passenger business. During 1929 applicant transported 3303 tons of miscellaneous freight and 70½ passengers. The revenue obtained for this service was \$8,327.17, while the expenses for 1929, exclusive of taxes and accrued interest, were \$9,463.83, leaving a transportation deficit of \$1,136.66. Taxes and accrued interest amounted to \$155.94, making a total deficit of \$1,292.60 for the year 1929. The record shows that the expenses were incurred mainly for fuel oil and wages to the crew and clerical force. No depreciation of equipment or facilities was included in the operating expenses, nor did applicant carry

any insurance on the boat or cargo. For the first nine months of 1930 the operating deficit was approximately \$1,500.00. The General Manager of applicant attributes the continued loss to the increasing use of the motor truck. He was also of the opinion it would be useless to attempt to offset the operating deficit by increased rates or fares, as higher charges would undoubtedly result in a material diminution of traffic.

Although notices of hearing were mailed to the principal shippers and others of Bolinas, no one appeared in opposition to the application.

After consideration of all the facts of record I am of the opinion the Commission should find that public convenience and necessity does not require the continued operation of the Bolinas Bay Transportation Company, and that applicant should be permitted to discontinue said service.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

The Bolinas Bay Transportation Company, a copartnership, having applied for authority to discontinue the operation of vessels for transportation of persons and property between San Francisco and Bolinas, a full investigation of the matters and things involved having been had, and it appearing that public convenience and necessity does not require the operation by applicant of vessels for the transportation of persons and property between San Francisco and Bolinas,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Bolinas Bay Transportation Company, a copartnership, be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of vessels for the transportation of persons and property between San Francisco and Bolinas on or

after January 1, 1931, upon not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of December, 1930.

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Commissioners.