

Decision No. 90470.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of the SOUTH COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY)
for authority to discontinue opera-)
tion as a common carrier between San) Application No. 17213.
Francisco, Alameda, Oakland and Santa)
Cruz, California.)

STEVENOT, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by the South Coast Steamship Company, a corporation, for authority to discontinue the operation of vessels for the transportation of freight between San Francisco, Alameda and Oakland on the one hand, and Santa Cruz on the other. The records show that on February 24, 1927, applicant filed its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, C.R.C. No. 1, effective February 26, 1927, naming commodity rates to and from Santa Cruz to cover the movement of freight which it was anticipated could be secured via the water service. However, traffic did not materialize and practically nothing has been transported since the filing of the tariff, the failure to secure tonnage being attributed to the increasing use of motor trucks with the decided advantages of store door pick-up and delivery service.

With no prospect of freight traffic in future, continued operation is unwarranted, hence authority is sought to discontinue operation as a common carrier between San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland and Santa Cruz and to cancel the commodity rates referred to.

The granting of the application will not deprive the public of any transportation, for the territory is now adequately

served by rail and truck operators. The Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce in letter dated February 12, 1931, offers no objection to the granting of the application.

After consideration of all the facts of record I am of the opinion that this is a matter not requiring a public hearing and that the application should be granted.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

The South Coast Steamship Company, a corporation, having applied for authority to discontinue the operation of vessels for transportation of property between San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland and Santa Cruz, and it appearing that public convenience and necessity does not require the operation by applicant between the points referred to above.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the South Coast Steamship Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of vessels for the transportation of property between San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland and Santa Cruz and to cancel commodity rates shown in Local Freight Tariff No. 1, C.R.C. No. 1, and Supplement No. 4 to same.

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 9th day of March, 1931.

C. C. Sawyer
Leon Whiteley
W. A. Co.
W. B. Langis
Fred G. Stebbins
2. Commissioners.