

Decision No. 24455.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,
 a corporation, (a) for leave to dis-
 continue the local passenger service
 now being rendered by the vessels
 "Pride of the River" and "Isleton" on
 its Sacramento River Route; (b) for
 an order authorizing the discontinu-
 ance of such service on less than
 thirty days' notice.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 17914.

McCutchen, Olney, Mannon and Greene, by
 Allan P. Matthew, for applicant.

SMEVERNOT, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding The California Transportation Com-
 pany, a corporation, seeks authority to discontinue, on less than
 30 days' notice, local passenger service now being rendered by the
 vessels "Pride of the River" and "Isleton" on the Sacramento River
 Route.

A public hearing was held at San Francisco January 30,
 1932, and the proceeding submitted.

The California Transportation Company now renders a
 freight and passenger service between San Francisco, Sacramento
 and intermediate points. Two vessels, the "Delta King" and "Delta
 Queen," operate on a through schedule between the termini. The
 intermediate service is performed by the "Pride of the River" and
 "Isleton".

By Decision No. 24420 in Applications 17898 and 17910 the Commission authorized The California Transportation Company, Sacramento Navigation Company and Fay Transportation Company to unify the operations of the three lines. In the performance of the unified service it is intended, to effect operating economies, to have the vessels of the Fay Transportation Company, which are Diesel equipped and relatively economical to operate, perform the freight service between San Francisco Bay points and points intermediate to Sacramento. Applicant contends that public convenience and necessity do not require the continuance of the passenger service at the intermediate points.

During 1931 the entire passenger revenue derived from the operation of the "Pride of the River" and "Isleton" was \$6,641.30, obtained from handling an average of approximately 8 passengers per day. The revenue from freight and other transportation services during the same period was \$174,656.90. The total operating expense for eleven months in 1931 was \$165,921.68. It was estimated that the total expenses for the twelve months' period would exceed the total revenue obtained from the operation of the two vessels. Applicant believes that if authority is obtained to eliminate the operation of the "Pride of the River" and "Isleton", both of which are steam propelled and somewhat expensive to operate, and use the Diesel equipped vessels of the Fay Transportation Company solely in the freight business, approximately 75% of the operating costs can be saved.

The passenger business of The California Transportation Company, particularly at the intermediate landings along the Sacramento River, has materially declined during the past six or seven years, due to the use of the privately owned automobiles, the stage lines and railroads serving this area. In the opinion of applicant's traffic officials there is little likelihood of the present

passenger business increasing in the future, as the territory is now adequately served by other forms of transportation.

No one appeared in protest to the granting of the application. In my opinion the authority requested should be granted.

The following form of order is recommended:

O R D E R

This application having been duly heard and submitted, full investigation of the matters and things involved having been had, and basing this order on the findings of fact and the conclusions contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of The California Transportation Company for authority to discontinue on less than 30 days' notice local passenger service now being rendered by the vessels "Pride of the River" and "Isleton" on the Sacramento River Route, be and it is hereby granted, subject to the following condition:

The authority herein granted will become effective upon the cancellation by The California Transportation Company on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, of its tariff filings covering the service which it is herein authorized to abandon.

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 8th day of February, 1932.

C. L. Jensen
Leon C. White
W. A. Quinn
M. B. Hayes
Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.