

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of Complaint)
against rates on potatoes and)
onions moving via River Lines)
of R. H. Vehmeyer and The Steve)
Quinn Launch & Barge Company)
between points on the San Joaquin)
River and its tributaries.)

Case No. 1285

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Local Freight Tariff No.3 (C.R.C.No.3) of R. H. Vehmeyer provides as follows:

POTATOES AND ONIONS.

In lots of one hundred thousand (100,000) sacks or more from Island Points in the San Joaquin Delta District to railroad loading points therein, during a period of one year, seven (\$.07) per sack.

Rate for shipments of less than 100,000 sacks is \$.08 cents per sack provided for in a separate tariff.

Supplement No.1 to Local Freight Tariff No.1, (C.R.C. No.1) of the Steve Quinn Launch & Barge Company reads:

"Upon the guarantee of at least 100,000 sacks of produce from Island Points to Stockton, Middle River, or other railroad loading points in the San Joaquin Delta District, during a single shipping season between July and May, rate of seven cents (7¢) per sack."

The same tariff carries rates, for shipments of less than 100,000 sacks, of \$1.50 per ton for potatoes, and \$1.12½ per ton

for onions.

Complaint has been made, alleging that the rates applicable to potatoes and onions in shipments of 100,000 sacks, or more, per season hereinbefore set forth are unduly discriminatory and preferential.

Investigation having been made and the Commission being of the opinion that this is clearly a case in violation of Section 19 of the Public Utilities Act, which prohibits giving any preference or advantage to any corporation or person or subjecting any corporation or person to any prejudice or disadvantage, and being of the further opinion that this is not a case in which a public hearing is necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that R. H. Vehmeyer discontinue at once the charging and collecting of the discriminatory rates referred to on potatoes and onions now carried in Local Freight Tariff No.3 (C.R.C. No.3), and in lieu thereof establish rates that are not discriminatory or preferential.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that the Steve Quinn Launch & Barge Company discontinue at once the charging and collecting of the discriminatory rates referred to on potatoes and onions now carried in Supplement No.1 to Local Freight Tariff No.1 (C.R.C. No.1), and in lieu thereof establish rates that are not discriminatory or preferential.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3d day of January 1919.

Edwin O. Edgerton
H. J. Loveland
Frank R. Deane

Commissioners.