

Decision No. 28238.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINES LTD.)
for leave to temporarily discontinue)
the transportation of passengers.)

Application No. 20134.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, a corporation having on file with the Commission tariffs naming rates and fares for the transportation by vessel of freight, passengers and automobiles accompanying passengers between San Francisco and Los Angeles Harbor and San Diego, has requested authority to suspend its passenger and automobile service during the period extending approximately from October 7, 1935, to May 1, 1936.

Applicant believes that during the summer months a sufficient volume of traffic will be available at approximately the present fares to justify passenger operation. It alleges however that experience has demonstrated that during the winter period passenger traffic at present fares can not be obtained in sufficient volume to avoid operating at a heavy financial loss. It estimates that for the period October 1935 to April 1936 the loss on the intrastate portion of its business and exclusive of advertising, overhead, and shore expenses would exceed \$150,000.00. It believes that under present conditions higher fares would not result in any increase in passenger revenue. The present situation, it contends, has been brought about largely by increased operating costs resulting from existing labor conditions.

The granting of the application will not deprive the public

of means of transportation as the territory is served by other carriers.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Pacific Steamship Lines Ltd. be and it is hereby authorized to suspend its passenger service during the period extending from October 7, 1935, to May 1, 1936, provided applicant supplement its tariffs on file with the Commission to show that its service has been suspended as authorized herein.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of September, 1935.

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W. B. Lewis
Commissioners.