

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 28244.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
LOS ANGELES STEAMSHIP COMPANY for)
permission to temporarily discontinue) Application No. 20152.
service.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, a corporation operating the steamship Yale for the transportation of freight and passengers between San Francisco Bay points and points in Southern California under tariffs on file with this Commission, seeks authority to suspend this service during the period extending from October 1, 1935, to April 30, 1936.

Applicant alleges and its annual reports on file with the Commission indicate that about 50% of its gross revenue is derived from the transportation of passengers. These passenger revenues are said to accrue primarily during the months of May to September inclusive as a result of tourist and vacation travel. During the winter months the revenues from passenger and freight service are insufficient, it is contended, to meet the expense of operation. Moreover applicant represents that because of the limited capacity of the steamer Yale for freight service it would be impossible, if traffic were available, to obtain sufficient revenue to return the expense of operating during the winter months. It contends that while the present condition has been prevalent for several years its effect has recently been enhanced by substantial increase in the cost of materials, supplies and other op-

erating expense. During the period extending from October 1935 to April 1936 it estimates that it would lose in excess of \$350,000.00 on the intrastate portion of its business if the service were maintained.

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 Los Angeles Steamship Company be and it is hereby authorized to suspend its freight and passenger service during the period extending from October 1, 1935, to April 30, 1936, inclusive, 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 23rd day of September, 1935.

John A. Quinn

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Frank P. Dwyer
Commissioners.