

Decision No. 28257.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE RIVER LINES (The California Trans-
portation Company, Sacramento Navigation
Company and Fay Transportation Company),
(a) for leave temporarily to discontinue
the local passenger service now being
rendered by the vessels "Delta King"
and "Delta Queen" on the Sacramento
route of applicants, and by the vessels
"Port of Stockton" and "Fort Sutter" on
the San Joaquin River route of applicants;
(b) for an order authorizing such discon-
tinuance of services on less than thirty
days' notice.

Application No. 20158.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

The River Lines (The California Transportation Company, Sacramento Navigation Company and Fay Transportation Company) by application filed September 27, 1935, requests authority to discontinue until May 1, 1936, upon less than statutory notice, the transportation of passengers by the steamers "Delta King", "Delta Queen", "Port of Stockton" and "Fort Sutter" between San Francisco and Sacramento and San Francisco and Stockton and intermediate points.

Applicants state that because of labor difficulties a large number of their employees left their services on July 2, 1935; that as a result thereof they have since that date been prevented entirely from performing transportation service by water between the points covered by the application. They further state that demands made upon them have rendered their operations increasingly costly and that

irrespective of whether existing labor conditions should be changed prior to May 1, 1936, they will be unable to resume transportation of passengers by the four vessels named without serious losses. They propose to withdraw said four steamers from service and to replace them with vessels equipped with Diesel engines, which vessels will be substantially more economical to operate than the aforesaid steamers and will be engaged exclusively in freight service on the routes here involved.

It appearing 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 applicants be and they are hereby authorized to discontinue passenger service by the vessels "Delta King", "Delta Queen", "Port of Stockton" and "Fort Sutter" between San Francisco and Sacramento and San Francisco and Stockton and intermediate points until May 1, 1936, provided applicants supplement their tariffs on file with the Commission on not less than three (3) days' notice to the Commission and to the public to show that their services have been suspended as authorized herein.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of

October, 1935.

Leon A. Wheeler

William B. ...
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Commissioners.