

Decision No. 29047

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Chamberlin Steamship Co. Ltd. for permission to temporarily discontinue Regular Service of transportation of merchandise other than Forest Products by water for compensation between points within the State of California.

Application No. 20489

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, a California corporation having on file with the Commission tariffs for the transportation of property by vessel between Eureka, San Francisco, and Los Angeles Harbor, and between other points within California, seeks authority to suspend temporarily its service for the transportation of property other than lumber and forest products.

Applicant alleges that existing rates are non-compensatory in view of increased labor and other operating costs, and that higher rates would only divert existing traffic to competing rail and highway carriers. It believes, however, that within a year conditions will have adjusted themselves so that the service here sought to be suspended may be resumed on a compensatory basis. Meanwhile, it is contended that economy in operation will be promoted by the proposed partial suspension of service.

Applicant further alleges that lumber and forest products can be transported profitably at existing rates, as these commodities are usually offered in large quantities and permit a maximum of efficiency.

The granting of the application will not deprive the public of means of transportation as the territory is served by other carriers. These carriers have been informed of applicant's proposal and have

offered no objection.

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 Chamberlin Steamship Co. Ltd., be and it is hereby authorized to suspend its service, except for the transportation of lumber and forest products, until June 2, 1937, 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 17th day of

August, 1936.

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Commissioners