

Decision No. 29727.

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. 20788.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORIGINAL

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 29180 of October 13, 1936, applicant, a corporation operating under Section 77-B of Article VIII of the Acts relating to Bankruptcy and having on file with the Commission tariffs naming rates for the transportation by vessel of passengers and automobiles accompanying passengers between San Francisco and Los Angeles Harbor and San Diego, was authorized to suspend its passenger service until May 1, 1937.

By supplemental application filed April 23, 1937, applicant seeks an order authorizing further suspension of passenger service until May 1, 1938. It alleges that high labor costs and other conditions will prevent profitable operation at this time. It is further alleged that before putting into operation its passenger vessels, applicant will be required to file with the United States District Court a plan of reorganization which must be approved by its creditors and stockholders. Applicant also represents that the conditions surrounding this application are substantially the same as those obtaining when the previous authorities were granted.

By Decision No. 29732 dated May 3, 1937, following a public hearing applicant was authorized to further suspend its

freight service until May 1, 1938, for similar reasons to those advanced in the instant application with respect to its passenger operations.

In view of the foregoing circumstances it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary.

Ordinarily, repeated and lengthy suspensions of service are not in the public interest. However, under the circumstances, and in view of the apparent impracticability and impossibility of resuming service under existing conditions, applicant, as in the case of its freight operations, should be authorized to suspend its passenger service until May 1, 1938, but is hereby placed on notice that it will be expected, on or before the expiration of the period of suspension herein authorized, to resume its passenger service or relinquish its operative rights. The granting of this application will not deprive the public of means of transportation, as the territory is served by other carriers. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Steamship Lines Ltd. be and it is hereby authorized further to suspend its service for the transportation of passengers and automobiles accompanying passengers until May 1, 1938, provided it immediately supplement its tariffs on file with the Commission on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of

May, 1937.

Walter H. Hays  
Leon Whittell  
Frederic R. Hays  
Frank W. Hays  
Ray C. Kelley  
Commissioners