## Decision No. <u>3050</u>7

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BENJAMIN WALTERS, doing business under the firm names and styles of ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY and ISLAND OIL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, for an order authorizing temporary suspension of operations.

Application No. 21637

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By application filed December 13, 1937, Benjamin Walters, an individual, doing business as Island Transportation Company and as Island Oil Transportation Company, operating as a common carrier of freight by vessel on the inland waters of this state, seeks authority to suspend operations for a period of six months.

Applicant alleges that from 1935 until a short time prior to the filing of this application he has been out of the possession of his operative rights and physical property while they were the subject of extended litigation, that during this period the physical property deteriorated, and that considerable time will elapse before necessary repairs to such property can be completed.

Applicant further alleges that to a large extent his operations consist of the seasonal transportation of farm produce and petroleum products; that the season is now far advanced and shippers in many cases have already arranged for the transportation of this traffic; and that the added time required to make the necessary repairs will preclude him from securing sufficient tonnage to cover expenses of operation.

The granting of the application will not deprive the public of means of transportation as the territory is served by other carriers.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Benjamin Walters, an individual, doing business as Island Transportation Company and as Island Oil Transportation Company, be and he is hereby authorized to suspend service until July 1, 1938, provided applicant immediately supplement his tariffs on file with the Commission to show that service has been suspended as authorized herein.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>/0</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1938.

Commissioners