

Decision No. 32711.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation by )  
the Commission upon its own motion into )  
the operating rights, operations and ) Case No. 4394  
practices of common carriers by vessel )  
operating between points in California. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

ORIGINAL

The above proceeding was instituted by the Commission on its own motion for the purpose, among others, of determining the nature, scope and extent of the intrastate operating rights of all coastwise common carriers by vessel. At a public hearing held in San Francisco before Examiner Mulgrew, request was made by the Pacific Steamship Lines, Ltd. to discontinue service as a common carrier by vessel. Also, Chamberlin Steamship Co., Ltd. requested authority to discontinue common carrier transportation of all commodities other than lumber and forest products. Subsequent to the hearing, Redwood Steamship Company filed a petition seeking authority to discontinue common carrier vessel service.

Pacific Steamship Lines, Ltd. alleged that it had filed a petition in bankruptcy and was financially unable to continue to operate. Chamberlin Steamship Company represented that it was unable to maintain a sufficient number of schedules to attract general merchandise traffic in competition with land carriers. Redwood Steamship Company stated that its board of directors had voted for dissolution and that all operating equipment had been sold.

The discontinuance of service by the carriers referred to will not deprive the public of service, since the territories affected are served by other common carriers. The petitions will be granted and the operating rights involved will be revoked.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such operative rights as may be possessed by Pacific Steamship Lines, Ltd. and Redwood Steamship Company as common carriers by vessel, and by Chamberlin Steamship Co., Ltd. as a common carrier by vessel of commodities other than lumber and forest products, be and they are hereby revoked.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that all tariffs and schedules filed by or on behalf of Pacific Steamship Lines, Ltd., Chamberlin Steamship Co., Ltd. and Redwood Steamship Company, covering operations under rights revoked by the preceding ordering paragraph hereof, be and they are hereby cancelled.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall have and it does hereby retain jurisdiction of this proceeding for the purpose of issuing such further order or orders as may from time to time appear proper in the light of other or further evidence received herein.

This order shall become effective fifteen (15) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1940.

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Commissioners