

Decision No. 23488

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application	)	
of Hammond Shipping Co. Ltd. for	)	
authority to discontinue freight	)	
service and to make such discon-	)	Application No. 23488
tinuance effective on less than	)	
30 days' notice.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Hammond Shipping Co. Ltd., a corporation, operating as a common carrier of property by vessel in interstate commerce between points in California on the one hand and other Pacific Coast points on the other hand and in intrastate commerce between various California points, principally between points on Humboldt Bay on the one hand and San Francisco Bay points, Los Angeles Harbor and San Diego on the other hand, seeks an order from the Commission authorizing it to abandon and discontinue its intrastate service on less than 30 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

Applicant alleges that only a small portion of its revenue is derived from intrastate business; that such business consists primarily of lumber shipped by Hammond Lumber Company, of which it is a wholly owned subsidiary; that during the past several years operations have been conducted at a loss without prospect of future improvement; and that all points involved are adequately served by other forms of for-hire transportation. Applicant alleges further that it intends to continue to serve the parent company in the capacity of a private or contract carrier and that no other transportation operations are proposed to be conducted in the future.

This does not appear to be a matter in which a public hearing is necessary. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Hammond Shipping Co. Ltd., be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue service as a common carrier of property by vessel between all points in California, subject to the following conditions:

(1) That it cancel all tariffs presently on file with the Commission on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public; and

(2) That the aforesaid authority be exercised within sixty (60) days after the date of this order.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon discontinuance of service and cancellation of tariffs, as provided in the preceding ordering paragraph, such operative rights as may be possessed by Hammond Shipping Co. Ltd. be and they are hereby revoked.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1940.

Frank D. Allen  
Ralph J. ...  
Justice B. ...  
Commissioners.