

DECISION NO. 34550

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of San Pedro Transportation Company, ( )  
Ltd., for an Order of Abandonment and } Application No. 24377  
Cancellation of Tariffs. (

SAMUEL C. HALL, and  
FRANK A. GARBUTT, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The above entitled application was filed by San Pedro Transportation Company requesting authority to abandon its common carrier ferry service for the transportation of passengers and automobiles between San Pedro and Terminal Island in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles.

A public hearing was held at Los Angeles before Examiner Gorman, on August 20, 1941, at which time the matter was duly submitted.

Applicant has been rendering ferry service between San Pedro and Terminal Island, a distance of approximately 1000 feet, continuously since 1906. This service for many years was operated under franchises granted by either the County of Los Angeles or the City of Los Angeles; however, during the past few years applicant has been conducting the service under temporary permits issued by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles.

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(1) Hereinafter referred to as Harbor Commission

The Harbor Commission has recently purchased a large passenger and vehicular ferry which it intends to place in service between the same points served by applicant.

Representatives of applicant alleged that they have been informed that the Harbor Commission ferry service will be inaugurated during the latter part of August at rates considerably lower than those being charged by applicant; that insufficient traffic will be available to justify the continuation of applicant's service after the commencement of service by the Harbor Commission; that the operating expense of applicant's service amounts to approximately \$8000.00 per month and that unless applicant is authorized to abandon ferry service contemporaneously with the commencement of service by the Harbor Commission it will be subjected to a substantial operating loss.

The record shows that although no definite understanding has been reached, the Harbor Commission is giving consideration to the retention of applicant's employees in its proposed service.

No one appeared at the hearing in protest to the granting of the application.

After carefully considering all of the evidence, we are of the opinion that applicant should be authorized to abandon its ferry service contemporaneously with the establishment of ferry service by the Harbor Commission of the City of Los Angeles.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled matter and the Commission being fully apprised of the facts, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that San Pedro Transportation Company be and it is hereby authorized to abandon its ferry service between San Pedro and Terminal Island, in the City of Los Angeles and to

cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission its tariffs and time schedules in effect for said service, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applicant shall not abandon said ferry service before the commencement of ferry service between the same points by the Harbor Commission of the City of Los Angeles.

(2) Applicant shall not abandon said ferry service unless and until the Commission has been notified in writing at least one (1) day prior to such abandonment and the public has been given at least one (1) day's notice of such abandonment by the posting of notices in all boats operated and at the terminals affected.

(3) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California this 27th day of

August 1941.

*[Signature]*  
Justice J. Casner  
Francis R. Havenner

Commissioners