

Decision No. 34887**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of United Boat Lines, a corporation,) Application No. 24634
for order granting leave to suspend)
operations until June 1, 1942.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a common carrier by vessel. Its operating authority is limited to "on call" service for the transportation of property between designated points on the inland waters of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays, San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers and their tributaries.¹ It seeks authority to suspend service until June 1, 1942. Applicant represents that the bulk of its business has consisted of hauling farm products from the delta region of the San Joaquin River, that this region is now generally served by improved highways and most of its products moved by highway carriers, that the major portion of the season's harvest has been completed, and that there will be no appreciable amount of produce hauling until June, 1942. Applicant also represents that agricultural and commercial shipping from and to the Port of Stockton has decreased as a result of the use of the port's facilities by the United States Army, that the transportation of export grain has almost entirely ceased under existing war conditions, and that certain vessels needed to carry on ordinary operations have been requisitioned for use in defense activities. The points served by applicant are also served by other for-hire carriers.

¹ This authority was acquired under Decisions Nos. 29929 of July 7, 1937, and 30062 of August 23, 1937, in Application No. 21288 and Decision No. 31038 of June 27, 1938, in Application No. 22035. The nature and extent of applicant's rights is set forth in detail in those decisions.

Under these circumstances, it appears that a public hearing is not necessary, that suspension of applicant's operations would not deprive the public of a means of transportation, and that the sought temporary suspension of service is justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that United Boat Lines, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to suspend its "on call" common carrier by vessel service until June 1, 1942, provided that its tariffs on file with the Commission are supplemented on or before twenty (20) days from the effective date of this order to show that service has been suspended as authorized herein.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of December, 1941.

W. H. Balle
Ray L. King
Justus F. Coe
Francis L. Havens
Arthur H. Chase
Commissioners