

Decision No. 35552

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 United Boat Lines, a corporation,) Application No. 25083
 for order granting leave to suspend)
 operations until September 1, 1942.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 34887 of December 30, 1941, in Application No. 24634, United Boat Lines, a common carrier by vessel operating an "on call" service between designated points on the inland waters of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays, San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers and their tributaries, was authorized to suspend operations until June 1, 1942.¹ By this application authority to suspend service until September 1, 1942, is sought.

It is represented that the acreage planted in crops which have been transported by vessel carriers has been greatly reduced; that these crops were planted and will be harvested later than was anticipated when the suspension of service to June 1, 1942, was sought; that the Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized applicant to suspend its interstate service until September 1, 1942; that

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This authority was granted upon representations that most of the farm products from the delta region of the San Joaquin River, which constituted the bulk of applicant's business, were moving by highway carriers; that the season's harvest had been completed and there would be no appreciable amount of produce hauling until June, 1942; that shipping from the Port of Stockton had decreased as a result of the use of those facilities by the United States Army; and that transportation of export grain had almost entirely ceased under existing war conditions.

no consequential amount of intrastate traffic is expected to materialize prior to that date; and that in other respects conditions have not materially changed since the issuance of the aforesaid Decision No. 34887.

Under the circumstances, it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the proposed suspension of applicant's operations is justified. The public will not be deprived of a means of transportation, as the territory involved is served by other for-hire carriers.

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 September 1, 1942; and that United Boat Lines shall immediately upon exercising this authority supplement its tariffs on file with the Commission to show that service has been suspended as authorized herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of

July, 1942,

Walter R. Riley
Francis D. Havens
Richard L. Baker
 Commissioners