

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36598

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of P. L. TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,) Application No. 25765
a corporation, for cancellation)
of its tariffs.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In Decision No. 33548 of October 1, 1940, (43 C.R.C. 50) P. L. Transportation Company was found to possess operating rights to transport general property from San Francisco to Eureka and lumber from Eureka to Long Beach as a coastwise common carrier by vessel. In that decision it was also authorized to suspend these operations until May 1, 1941.¹ By this application P. L. Transportation Company requests an order cancelling its tariffs on file with the Commission.

In support of the application the carrier states that it is not now operating and that its service has been suspended for a considerable period of time.² Applicant states further that the SS "Scotia," the vessel used in applicant's operations, was taken over by the United States Army Transport Service on July 10, 1941; that on July 14, 1942 the vessel was requisitioned by the United States War Shipping Administration; and that the vessel is presently under charter to that agency thus making it impossible for applicant to resume operations. Applicant contends that the public interest will not be adversely affected by the granting of this application.

¹ Suspension was authorized upon representations that lack of patronage would make revenues from the small volume of traffic available insufficient to defray the cost of performing the service.

² In Application No. 25142 P. L. Transportation Company requested continuation of the suspension authorized by Decision No. 33548, supra. By Decision No. 35678 in that proceeding the carrier was authorized to suspend operations until August 12, 1942. 1943

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the foregoing circumstances justify the revocation of such operative rights as P. L. Transportation Company may now possess and the cancellation of its tariffs. The public will not be deprived of a means of transportation inasmuch as other for-hire carriers serve the points involved.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any and all operative rights as a common carrier by vessel standing in the name of P. L. Transportation Company, a corporation, be and they are hereby revoked and annulled and that its tariffs on file with the Commission be and they are hereby cancelled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of September, 1943.

Francis A. Havenor
W. B. Hall
Justice J. Owens
Richard H. Backe
Wm. A. C. ...
Commissioners