

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 51297

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
STARKSEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY to	)	
suspend its certificates for the	)	
transportation of petroleum products	)	Application No. 36580
in bulk as a petroleum irregular	)	(Amended)
route carrier.	)	

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to suspend, for a period not to exceed one year, the operation of its certificated service as a petroleum irregular route carrier.

Applicant alleges that its principal business is the transportation of petroleum asphalt; that such product is seasonal and moves in a highly competitive market; that its major customer proposes to acquire equipment by purchase or lease to take care of its requirements during the coming season; that it deems it advisable and advantageous to lease its equipment to said major customer for a period of one year subject to a cancellation clause; that it intends to resume operations under its certificates; that suspension of its service will not affect the shipping public as other common carrier services are available.

Under the circumstances here shown it is the opinion of the Commission that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been made and the Commission being of the opinion that the authority requested should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Starksen Transportation Company is authorized to suspend, for the period of one year from the effective date hereof, the transportation of property as a petroleum irregular route carrier as heretofore authorized by the provisions of Decisions Nos. 43162 and 44359.

2. Within sixty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall file, in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, appropriate tariffs reflecting the authority herein granted.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1955.

W. E. [Signature]  
President

Justin D. [Signature]

Paul [Signature]

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Commissioners