

Decision No. 55489**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
FRED H. TUFTS, doing business as)	Application No. 39213
KLAMATH RIVER FREIGHT LINES.)	

O P I N I O N

Fred H. Tufts, doing business as Klamath River Freight Lines, seeks by this application authority to discontinue and abandon operations pursuant to his highway common carrier certificate granted to him by the Commission in Decision No. 44116, dated May 2, 1950, in Application No. 31283. This certificate authorized automobile freight line service between Gazelle and Etna, and intermediate points in Siskiyou County. It was originally purchased from Proctor J. Ault in May, 1950. The remainder of the applicant's operative rights in Siskiyou and Humboldt counties was transferred to the Yreka Western Railroad Company on July 10, 1957, under authority of Decision No. 55215, dated July 2, 1957.

Applicant states that the handling of freight traffic on the Gazelle and Etna line has not been profitable and that it is no longer economically feasible to continue operations. United States mail service has been terminated and applicant claims there has been little or no public demand for transportation service. No shipments of property have been offered to this carrier for many months and applicant alleges operations have been conducted at a loss. Service has, for all practical purposes, been discontinued since January 1, 1956. It also should be noted that the applicant is retiring from the transportation business.

A public hearing on this matter does not appear to be necessary. No protest to this application has been received. After full consideration of Fred H. Tufts' request the Commission finds that the authority requested is not adverse to the public interest and that continued operations under this certificate are not justified. Application to discontinue and abandon operations will be granted.

O R D E R

An application having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein,

IT IS ORDERED that Fred H. Tufts, doing business as Klamath River Freight Lines, is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon highway common carrier service and operations between Gazelle and Etna and intermediate points, which operative rights were granted to him in a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Decision No. 44116, dated May 2, 1950. Said certificate is hereby revoked and all effective tariffs on file with the Commission in the name of Fred H. Tufts, doing business as Klamath River Freight Lines, under the authority granted by the above decision are hereby canceled.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of August, 1957.

Paul H. Hines President
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Commissioners