

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 55968

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation to determine whether  
 G. O. 98 pertaining to safety rules  
 and regulations for passenger stage  
 corporations, and G. O. 99 pertaining  
 to safety rules and regulations for  
 highway common carriers, petroleum  
 irregular route carriers and petroleum  
 contract carriers should be amended,  
 modified, amplified, or supplemented  
 with respect to the use of aluminum  
 alloy, or light-weight wheels.

Case No. 5859

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

By order dated December 11, 1956, in the above-entitled case, the Commission instituted an investigation on its own motion into General Order No. 98 pertaining to safety rules and regulations for passenger stage corporations, and General Order No. 99 pertaining to safety rules and regulations for highway common carriers, petroleum irregular route carriers and petroleum contract carriers, for the purpose of determining whether the use of aluminum alloy, or light weight wheels by said carriers is consistent with public safety, and whether G. O. 98 and G. O. 99 should be amended, modified, amplified, or supplemented with respect to the use of said wheels by said carriers, or whether any other order or orders may be appropriate in lawful exercise of the Commission's jurisdiction over said carriers.

The staff of the Commission assigned to this matter has met with representatives of manufacturers in the business of producing motor carrier wheels of the types referred to herein, officials of the associations representing motor carriers of property involved, and of the association representing carriers of passengers on the public highways. All parties agreed that it would be advisable for

the staff to recommend that the Commission issue an interim order requiring each highway common carrier, petroleum irregular route carrier, and petroleum contract carrier, and each passenger stage corporation to report to this Commission in writing on a form to be agreed upon by interested parties, and approved by the Commission, for one year after the effective date of the order, each instance of wheel failure, together with sufficient circumstances involved in such failure to promote a proper determination as to its cause and as to what, if any, remedial measures are necessary or possible to prevent a recurrence. Further, that such report shall be made to the Commission not later than five days after said wheel failure and that said carrier shall retain possession of said wheel for twenty days after the failure.

In view of the scope of the order of investigation in this matter and the desirability of obtaining adequate information, and the importance of safety measures, both to the public and the carriers, an interim order will be issued herein in substantial accord with the recommendations of the staff, and any formal hearing on this matter shall be deferred until one year after the effective date hereof unless otherwise ordered.

An order of investigation as above entitled having been instituted, and the Commission being of the opinion that it is in consonance with the public interest and safety,

IT IS ORDERED that each and every highway common carrier, petroleum irregular route carrier, and petroleum contract carrier, and each passenger stage corporation, shall report to this Commission in writing on a form to be agreed upon by interested parties, and approved by the Commission, for one year after the effective date of this order, each instance of wheel failure, together with sufficient circumstances involved in such failure to permit a proper determination as to its cause and as to what, if any, remedial

measures are necessary or possible to prevent a recurrence. Said report shall be made to the Commission not later than five days after said wheel failure and said carriers shall retain said wheel in their possession for twenty days after the failure.

This order is interim in nature and the Commission may revise or supplement it if good cause appears.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of December, 1957.

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 President

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 Commissioners