

Decision No. 5859**ORIGINAL**

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 5859

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.

By Decision No. 55968 in the above entitled case, effective January 5, 1958, the Commission deferred hearings in this matter and ordered said carriers to report to this Commission for one year after the effective date thereof, 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 were necessary or possible to prevent a recurrence.

These reports have been analyzed by the Transportation Division staff. The staff has based certain proposed restrictions on the use of designated wheels on this analysis and on its further study of the entire matter. The staff's proposals were distributed to parties believed to be interested for their consideration and comment. No objections were offered. Interested parties have indicated that they do not desire a public hearing.

In the circumstances, it appears and the Commission finds that public interest and safety require that General Orders Nos. 98 and 99 be supplemented as hereinafter provided. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that the following section is hereby added to and made a part of General Order No. 98:

3.15 - WHEELS. No aluminum alloy disc wheel of demountable-at-hub type manufactured on or before September 30, 1955, shall be used on the front or steering axle(s) of a motor vehicle or a leading vehicle of a vehicular combination.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following section is hereby added to and made a part of General Order No. 99:

3.09 - WHEELS. No aluminum alloy disc wheel of demountable-at-hub type manufactured on or before September 30, 1955, shall be used on the front or steering axle(s) of a motor vehicle or a leading vehicle of a vehicular combination.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to reflect and conform to the foregoing changes, the following corrections are hereby made to the tables of contents:

G.O. 98 - Original page 4: Add Section 3.15 WHEELS.

G.O. 99 - Original page 4: Add Section 3.09 WHEELS.

The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the use of said wheels as it may deem right and

proper and to amend the provisions contained herein if, in its judgment, public interest and safety so require.

The Secretary shall serve a copy of this order on each highway common carrier, petroleum irregular route carrier, and petroleum contract carrier, and passenger stage corporation, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction as of the date of this order.

Case 5859 in the above entitled proceeding is hereby discontinued.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5<sup>th</sup>  
                     day of May, 1959.

E. Lee Fox  
President

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Theodore J. Janner

Commissioners