

Decision No. 65978**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 PRESIDENT TANK LINES, INC., a corpora-
 tion, for suspension of its Certificate
 of Public Convenience and Necessity and
 its Certificate as a Petroleum Irregular
 Route Common Carrier, pursuant to
 Section 1070 of the Public Utilities
 Code.

Application No. 45477

O P I N I O N

It is alleged in the application that:

"The applicant President Tank Lines, Inc., is the owner and holder of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the transportation of Petroleum Products, in tank trucks and tank trailers granted by this Honorable Commission in its order issued on March 15, 1949 in Decision No. 42623 and also a Certificate as a Petroleum Irregular Route Common Carrier granted by this Honorable Commission in its order issued on June 20, 1950 in Decision No. 44368.

"President has faithfully conducted common carrier service to the public generally, including the military, these many years, however, President now finds itself unable to economically continue to render said service in view of the fact that its volume of business has diminished to the point that it cannot continue under present conditions. President is also somewhat handicapped at present for it is operating truck and trailer

units with an average carrying capacity of 3,100 gallons, whereas, the more modern equipment averages 9,200 gallons, this condition does not lend itself to an economic operation under present day costs and other conditions. President therefore seeks authority in this application to suspend its operation upon a temporary basis in order to enable it to reorganize its operation and among other things replenish its fleet of equipment upon a more modern basis. President proposes to maintain its tariff of rates upon a current basis with all required changes, as President is a party to tariffs of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., so that when it is in a position to resume service said suspension can be lifted with the least possible delay."

It is further alleged that patrons of President Tank Lines, Inc., have ceased to offer any goods for transportation.

Based on the allegations in the application the Commission finds that the suspension of the certificate of public convenience and necessity will not be adverse to the public interest and that a public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The operative rights granted by certificates of public convenience and necessity acquired by President Tank Lines, Inc., by Decision No. 46833 dated March 11, 1952, in Application No. 33105, are hereby suspended until September 1, 1964.

2. All effective tariff filings of such carrier filed pursuant to the certificates acquired by the decision referred to above are hereby suspended until September 1, 1964. Suspension supplements to tariff filings so suspended are not required and shall not be filed.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1963.

William B. Bennett
President
John S. Atchell
Charles W. King
George H. Trover
Fredrick B. Hallock
Commissioner's