

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72948

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:)

EDWIN A. BEERS and WILLIAM G. MINNIS,)
A Partnership, doing business as)
BEERS & MINNIS, under the Shortened)
Procedure Tariff Docket, to make)
increases by the cancellation of all)
rates and provisions named in Items)
200, 205, 210, 230, 240 and 245 of)
Edwin A. Beers and William G. Minnis,)
A Partnership, doing business as Beers)
& Minnis, Local Freight Tariff No. 4-A,)
Cal.P.U.C. No. 5 (Issued in the series)
of THE RIVER LINES, INC.), as more)
fully set forth in EXHIBIT "A" attached)
hereto and by reference thereto, made a)
part of this Application.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 49501
(Filed June 27, 1967)

-AND-

For authority to depart from the terms)
of Section 454 of the Public Utilities)
Code in accomplishing proposed publica-)
tion.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Edwin A. Beers and William G. Minnis, a partnership, doing business as Beers & Minnis (Beers & Minnis) recently acquired The River Lines, Inc.,¹ which is engaged primarily in the transportation of property by vessel on San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries. By this application Beers & Minnis request authority to cancel rates and provisions on various commodities set forth in their Local Freight Tariff No. 4-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5 (Series of The River Lines, Inc.).

Applicants allege that there has not been any movement of these commodities for the past two or three years via The River Lines,

¹ Pursuant to authority granted by this Commission in Decision No. 72494 dated May 23, 1967, in Application No. 49229.

Inc. Applicants state that on commodities transported between San Francisco and Richmond, on the one hand, and Stockton and Sacramento, on the other hand, a rate of 21 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 1,000,000 pounds, has been established on Freight, NOS, and that this rate is on the same level as a number of the rates which are proposed to be canceled.

Applicants declare that traffic now moving between other points, or subject to rates which are lower than 21 cents per 100 pounds, will be subject to a minimum class rate of 22 cents per 100 pounds. Applicants assert that, if a substantial movement of any of the commodities in question does develop, the lower rates now in effect thereon will be promptly reinstated.

Applicants state that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Beers & Minnis as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 28, 1967. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from the cancellation of rates and provisions as proposed in the application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

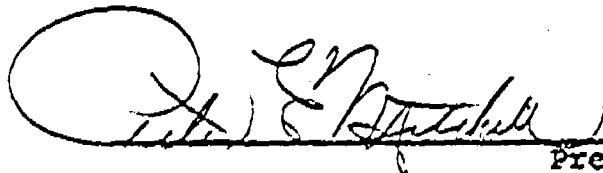
1. Beers & Minnis are hereby authorized to cancel rates and provisions on various commodities in Local Freight Tariff No. 4-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 5 (series of The River Lines, Inc.) as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

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

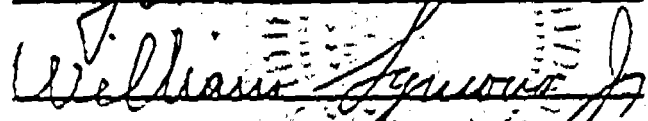
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of August, 1967.

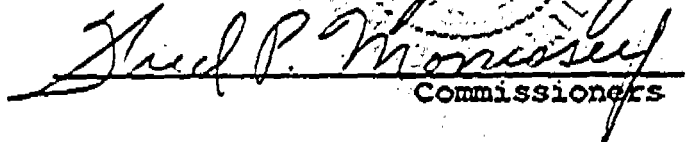


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