

Decision No. 78873

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of the Coggeshall Launch Company  
for an order cancelling certificates  
authorizing Common Carrier  
Transportation by vessel, of  
passengers, freight and towing on  
Humboldt Bay.

Application No. 52694

ORDER OF REVOCATION

By this application, Coggeshall Launch Company requests the cancellation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a vessel common carrier of freight and passengers within Humboldt Bay, Humboldt County.

Applicant alleges that the State of California has constructed a bridge across Humboldt Bay resulting in almost total loss of revenue to applicant; that the number of passengers carried on a typical day prior to opening of the bridge was 437 each way, while within ten days after the bridge was opened the number had dropped to 32 each way.

Applicant further alleges that companies using night and day crew special boats have canceled their orders resulting in a loss of revenue amounting in a typical month to about \$3,335.00, and that the U.S. Post Office Department has canceled its mail contract, resulting in a further loss of revenues of approximately \$1,000.00 per year to applicant.

According to applicant, since the opening of the bridge, the freight revenue has been nil and there is no longer enough towing revenue to support the service. Moreover, applicant points out that other companies have tugboats on Humboldt Bay capable of performing towing service.

Copies of this application have been sent to the County of Humboldt and the City of Eureka. Copies have also been posted at applicant's terminal in Eureka and patrons have been made aware of the discontinuance of service for some time. The application was

listed on the Commission's daily calendar of June 18, 1971. No protests have been received.

The Commission finds that revocation of applicant's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity will not be adverse to the public interest. Because of the serious nature of applicant's position, this application will be granted effective immediately. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Coggeshall Launch Company to operate as a vessel common carrier of freight and passengers within Humboldt Bay is hereby revoked upon the effective date of tariff and timetable cancellations to be filed pursuant to this order.

2. Coggeshall Launch Company is hereby directed to cancel its tariffs and timetables on file with the Commission on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

The Secretary is directed to mail a certified copy of the order to Coggeshall Launch Company at Three "F" Street, Eureka, CA 95501, last known address as shown on the Commission's records.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1971.

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Chairman  
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Commissioners

Commissioner D. W. Holmes, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.