

Decision No. 79881**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own  
 motion of a General Order which will  
 require Highway Common Carriers, Radial  
 Highway Common Carriers and Highway  
 Contract Carriers, excluding Highway  
 Contract Carriers authorized to conduct  
 operations on a seasonal basis for  
 agricultural commodities, to provide  
 and thereafter continue in effect  
 adequate protection against liability  
 imposed by law upon such carriers for  
 the payment of loss or damage to cargo.

Case No. 9238  
 (Filed June 22, 1971)

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 of Commerce; Don B. Shields, for Highway  
 Carriers Association; Richard W. Smith and  
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Mayer, for Cannery League of California;  
Ronald M. Zaller, for Continental Can Company;  
Howard Haage, for Can Manufacturers Institute;  
J. C. Deadman, for Fireman's Fund Insurance  
 Company-Inland Marine Underwriters Association;  
Richard L. Bottini, for Motor Truck Cargo  
 Committee of IMUA; Carl R. Rehbock, for  
 California Fertilizer Association;  
E. H. Griffiths, for Aero Special Delivery  
 Service, Inc.; G. Ralph Grago, by James R. Foote,  
 for Associated Independent Owner Operators, Inc.;  
Robert L. McCue, for Kenneth C. Delaney - Los  
 Angeles Chamber of Commerce; James S. Corazza,  
 for Highway Carriers Association; and James  
Quintrall, for Los Angeles Warehousemen's  
 Association, interested parties.  
G. R. Dougherty, Attorney at Law, and Theodore H.  
Peckelmer, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This investigation was filed June 22, 1971 to determine  
 whether certain highway carriers should be required to provide a  
 minimum amount of cargo insurance.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Porter on July 13,  
 1971 at San Francisco and on July 20, 1971 at Los Angeles when the  
 matter was submitted.

The evidence presented was to the effect that all carriers contacted carried cargo insurance although the amount varied.

The proposed general order would be regulation by the Commission of an existing industry practice, assuring all shippers involved of reasonable minimum cargo insurance protection.

The staff estimated that an initial augmentation of 14 positions will be required to handle the initial phase if regulation was adopted with nine of these positions to be retained on a permanent basis.

While there were numerous appearances other than the staff, there was no strong support either for or against the proposed regulation.

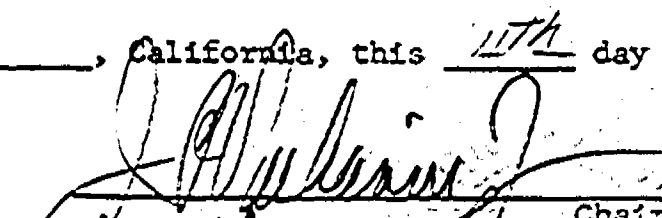
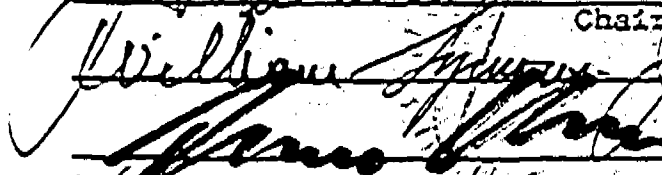

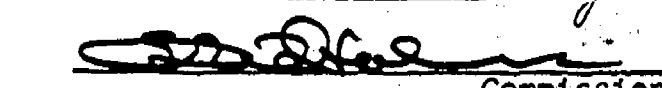
Based on these facts, the Commission finds that the proposed regulation is not necessary at this time and concludes that the investigation should be discontinued.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Case No. 9238 is discontinued.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of APRIL, 1972.

  
Chairman  
  
  
  
Commissioners