

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83113

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
 of RIVER LINES COMPANY, a corporation, )  
 and WILLIAM G. MINNIS, an individual, )  
 for an Order Authorizing RIVER LINES )  
 COMPANY to Issue a Promissory Note )  
 and Authorizing WILLIAM G. MINNIS to )  
 Control RIVER LINES COMPANY. )  
 (Amended Title) )

Application No. 54959  
 (Filed June 11, 1974)  
 Amended Application  
 (Filed June 18, 1974)

O P I N I O N

William G. Minnis seeks authority to control River Lines Company, and the latter seeks authority to issue a promissory note in the principal amount of \$150,000.

River Lines Company is a California corporation operating as a carrier by water between points on the San Francisco, Suisun and San Pablo Bays, and on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries.

The amended application shows that River Lines Company has 40,000 shares of its no par value capital stock outstanding, of which 20,000 shares are held by Edwin A. and Eileen M. Beers, and 20,000 shares by William G. Minnis. The company proposes to purchase the 20,000 shares now held by Edwin A. and Eileen M. Beers for \$200,000, of which \$50,000 would be payable in cash and \$150,000 would be evidenced by a promissory note repayable \$50,000 on January 2, 1975 and \$100,000 on May 31, 1975, with River Lines Company having an option to defer the \$100,000 payment until December 16, 1975. The note would bear no interest unless the option is exercised, in which event interest would accrue at the rate of 4% per annum from the date of the note. As a result of the proposed transactions, William G. Minnis would control River Lines Company, and he seeks authority for such control.

A pro forma balance sheet as of December 31, 1973, after giving effect to the proposed transactions, as summarized from Exhibit B attached to the amended application, is as follows:

Assets

Current assets	\$ 306,527
Net property and equipment	707,767
Other assets	<u>73,517</u>
Total	<u>\$1,087,811</u>

Liabilities

Current liabilities	\$ 280,457
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	456,600
Common stock equity	336,000
Other liabilities	<u>14,754</u>
Total	<u>\$1,087,811</u>

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Control of River Lines Company by William G. Minnis would not be adverse to the public interest.
2. The proposed note would be for a proper purpose.
3. The money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the note herein authorized is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein, which purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income.

On the basis of the foregoing findings we conclude that the amended application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. The action taken herein shall not be construed as a finding of the value of the stock or properties of River Lines Company, nor as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

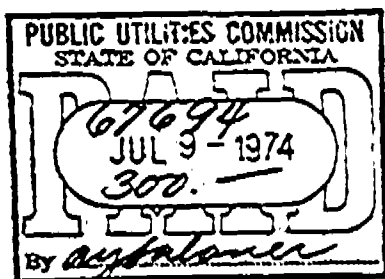
1. River Lines Company, on or after the effective date hereof and on or before October 31, 1974, for the purpose specified in this proceeding, may issue its promissory note in the principal amount of not exceeding \$150,000, which note shall be in substantially the same form as Exhibit 1 of Exhibit A, attached to the amended application.

2. River Lines Company shall file with the Commission the report required by General Order No. 24-B, which order, insofar as applicable, is hereby made a part of this order.

3. William G. Minnis may control River Lines Company.

4. This order shall become effective when River Lines Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$300.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1974.



Vernon L. Stevenson  
President  
William G. Minnis  
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Commissioners