

Decision No. 83749**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
HARBOR CARRIERS, INC., a corporation,
for authority to suspend tariffs and
discontinue service.

Application No. 55018
(Filed May 9, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Harbor Carriers, Inc., presently transports liquid cargos in bulk in tank vessels designed for use exclusively in such service between points in San Francisco Bay, requests authority to discontinue such service and to cancel its tariffs relating to such services.

It is alleged that applicant has been so engaged for a number of years; that over the past six years pipelines have been progressively built which move and are capable of moving bulk liquid cargos between the principal traffic points where applicant's tariff applies; that the pipelines provide a scale of rates lower than those provided by applicant between the same points; that because the pipeline costs are much lower they charge rates with which applicant cannot possibly compete; that with completion of the pipelines there has been a substantial diminution of traffic available for movement by water between the points covered by the application; that as of December 31, 1973, applicant indicated a retained earnings deficit in the amount of \$1,095,679; that the need of the public for the transportation of the kind presently provided by applicant can be met adequately through the services of River Lines Company, which is presently engaged in the handling of liquid cargos in bulk between the same points as applicant; that applicant has orally notified its customers of its intention to abandon service; and that they have stated that they will offer no objection to such action.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant's service for the transportation of liquid cargos in bulk. A public hearing is not necessary.

We find with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Harbor Carriers, Inc. is hereby authorized to discontinue the transportation of liquid cargos in bulk.

2. Within sixty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public applicant shall amend its tariffs presently on file with the Commission to reflect the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of NOVEMBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Stearns
President
William J. ...
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Robert E. ...
Commissioners