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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own
motion into the operations, rates and
practices of Lester L. Bean, dba Chief
Transportation Company,

Respondent.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
MARCH 31, 1992
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
I.92-03-051

ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

Lester L. Bean, dba Chief Transportation Company,
(Respondent Carrier) (Chief) whose mailing address is P. O. Box
437, Corning, California 96021, is engaged in the business of
transporting property over the public highways of this state for
compensation. Chief operates pursuant to an agricultural permit,
a dump truck permit and a highway contract carrier permit, all
issued March 14, 1990. (T-165,796)

It appears that respondent Chief may have provided
three shippers with transportation services over the public
highways of this state for compensation without first having ~~on~~
file with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) valid
contracts for such transportation.

It further appears, after Commission staff review of
relevant documents and records, that Chief may have violated
Section 3737 of the Public Utilities Code (Code) by not observing
decisions or orders applicable to it.

Good cause appearing; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that an investigation on the Commission's
own motion is instituted into the operations, rates, charges, and
practices of Chief for the purpose of determining:

1. Whether the respondent carrier has violated Section
3737 of the Code by failing to have a contract on file and in
effect with the Commission for each shipper served as required by
General Order 147-B.

2. Whether any or all of Chief's operating authority should be cancelled, revoked, or suspended, or in the alternative, a fine imposed pursuant to Section 3774 of the Code.

3. Whether the respondent carrier should be ordered to cease and desist from any and all unlawful operations and practices.

4. Whether any other orders that may be appropriate should be entered in the lawful exercise of the Commission's jurisdiction.

A public hearing in this matter shall be held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at a time and place to be determined, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.

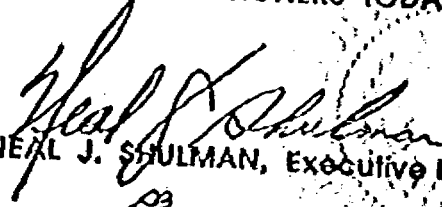
The Executive Director is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served personally on respondent Lester L. Bean, dba Chief Transportation Company.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 31, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director