

Decision No. 13163

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
 HUGH GOODFELLOW, WARREN OLNEY and)
 W. I. BROBECK, as Trustees, successors :
 to San Francisco-Oakland Terminal)
 Railways, to discontinue service on)
 a portion of Standard Avenue in Richmond, :
 Contra Costa County, California.)
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 Application No. 9509

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Hugh Goodfellow, Warren Olney and W. I. Brobeck, as Trustees, successors to San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of service and abandonment of track on a portion of the Traction Division of the former San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways from a point on Standard Avenue, Richmond, near its intersection with Scofield Street along and upon said Standard Avenue to the terminus of the line, the portion of the line proposed to be abandoned appearing on a map filed as a portion of the application herein.

Since the filing of this matter request has been made for the substitution of Key System Transit Company in lieu of the applicant trustees in this proceeding in that a transfer of the property has since been made to said Key System Transit Company.

The application alleges that the primary reason for the discontinuance of service is the fact that there is a fire hazard involved in the operation of the portion of the street car line

herein proposed to be discontinued in that oil tanks of the Standard Oil Company are located on both sides of Standard Avenue and that there is danger of electric sparks igniting the oil stored in such tanks; that the portion of the line proposed to be abandoned serves neither residence nor commercial sections being used only by employees of the Standard Oil Company who can readily use street cars now operated over Scofield Street; that the Standard Oil Company, through whose property Standard Avenue passes, have requested the abandonment of the service and removal of the track on the basis of the fire hazard involved, and that it appears to the best interest of the City of Richmond that the abandonment herein prayed for be granted.

There has been filed with the Commission since the filing of this application a certified copy of Ordinance No. 541 of the City Council of the City of Richmond, said Ordinance duly passed and adopted on January 2nd, 1924, and granting to Hugh Goodfellow, Warren Olney and W. I. Brobeck, as trustees, successors to San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, authority to abandon the portion of the street car lines in question over Standard Avenue in the City of Richmond and such portion of the franchise relating thereto as is covered by the trackage herein sought to be abandoned, the franchise referred to having been granted under Ordinance No. 91 of the City of Richmond. This Ordinance grants authority for the abandonment of trackage and removal of the tracks and all appurtenances and equipment subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission.

The County of Contra Costa, under its Ordinance No. 177 unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors under date of February 4, 1924, as evidenced by certified copy filed with the Commission has granted authority to Key System Transit Company as successor to Hugh Goodfellow, Warren Olney and W. I. Brobeck, Trustees, to abandon the trackage on the portion of Standard Avenue,

Richmond, as hereinabove referred to and to remove the tracks and all appurtenances and equipment connected therewith, subject to the approval of this Commission.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary in view of the fact that authority has been secured from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa and the Council of the City of Richmond, by appropriate ordinances, certified copies of which have been filed with the Commission in this proceeding, and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Hugh Goodfellow, Warren Olney and W. I. Brobeck, as Trustees, successors to San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, having filed herein their application for suspension of service, discontinuance and abandonment of a portion of their street railway system in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, and Key System Transit Company, as successor to the foregoing trustees as applicants, having been substituted for the applicants in this proceeding, the Commission being now fully advised and of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Key System Transit Company, a corporation, be, and the same hereby is authorized to discontinue service and abandon and remove the portion of its street railway system, tracks and appurtenances thereto as follows:

"All that system of trackage on Standard Avenue, Richmond, beginning at a point one hundred fifty (150) feet northwest of the intersection of the centerline of Scofield Street with the center line of Standard Avenue and running thence northly and westerly to the end of the present trackage of said portion of said line and street car system on Standard Avenue as the same now exists."

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of February, 1924.

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George W. Hartman

Barth S. Stone

J. S. Whittier
Commissioners