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Decision No. 13326

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)
corporation, for authority to abandon :
passenger service in the City of Los)
Angeles (San Pedro District) on its)
line between Fifth Street and Outer)
Harbor, to-wit, commencing at Pacific :Application No. 9803
Electric Station, Fifth Street, via)
private right of way to Fourteenth)
Street, thence over Municipal Belt)
Line to Outer End of Municipal Pier No.:
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BY THE COMMISSION,

OPINION

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment of passenger service now operated as a local street car service in the city of Los Angeles (San Pedro District) from the Pacific Electric Station on Fifth Street, thence over private right of way to Fourteenth Street, thence over the Municipal Belt Line to Outer End of Municipal Pier No. 1.

Applicant alleges as justification for the granting of the application that the local service between Fifth Street and the Outer Harbor was originally established in July, 1917, because of the establishment of Navy Training Quarters at the Outer Harbor and that continuous service has been maintained up to the present time; that the removal of the submarine base and the establishment of automobile stage service as authorized by the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Los Angeles has

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resulted in a decrease in earnings; that approximately \$10.00 per day is the total fare collections against an expense for wages of over \$19.00 per day; that the authorized stage service parallels the route; that the operation of local street car service interferes materially with the switching and other freight service of applicant; that the Superintendent of the Los Angeles Municipal Terminal Railroad has recommended that the street car service be discontinued, in view of the fact that an adequate service is available to the public by the stage line; and that the discontinuance of the service will result in a saving of unnecessary operating expense to applicant. The route over which the operation is herein sought to be discontinued is more fully shown on a blue print map, marked "C.E.R. 7518", and attached as an exhibit to the application in this proceeding.

The Board of Public Utilities of the City of Los Angeles has advised the Commission that there is no objection on the part of the City of Los Angeles to the discontinuance of the passenger service as herein applied for, and an investigation by the Commission results in the information that the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce is in favor of the discontinuance of the street car service in that there is no necessity for same and that the handling of freight would thereby be expedited.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company having applied for an order authorizing the abandonment of passenger service now

operated in the City of Los Angeles (San Pedro District)
from its station on Fifth Street, thence over private right of
way to Fourteenth Street, thence over the Municipal Belt Line
to Outer End of Municipal Pier No. 1; 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 this application be, and
the same hereby is granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th
day of April, 1924.

C. S. Seaver

James Martin
Golden Shore

J. P. Whitney
Commissioners