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Decision No. 13747

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY)
for authority to reduce service in :Application No. 10221
order to reduce electric power con-)
sumption.)

BY THE COMMISSION,

ORDER

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation,
has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing
it to change its passenger train schedules and to make such
reductions of service as may be necessary to reduce its power
consumption.

Applicant alleges that it has been served with a
notice by the Southern California Edison Company, from which
company its entire supply of electric energy for the operation
of its railroad is obtained, to at once reduce its consumption
of power by an amount of twenty-five (25) per cent; that to
so reduce its power consumption will require a reduction of
service on the various lines operated by the applicant and a
readjustment of schedules; and that to so reduce service and
readjust schedules will require adjustments which are now being
worked out in detail and which are proposed to be established
immediately upon authority being secured therefor.

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The Commission is fully advised as to the conditions surrounding the necessity for curtailment of power in the territory served by the applicant, and the necessity for the consequent immediate reduction of service and schedules heretofore operated. In view of the emergency now existing we are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that applicant should be authorized to at once proceed with the immediate reduction of service and readjustment of schedules to accomplish the conservation of power which is required, and that such future readjustments be made as may appear necessary after the general program of curtailment and readjustment herein authorized will have been established.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Pacific Electric Railway Company, be and the same hereby is authorized to at once reduce its passenger train and street car service on its various lines, and to readjust and curtail its operating train schedules, until a curtailment of twenty-five (25) per cent of its power consumption will have been obtained, and to continue the operation of reduced and curtailed passenger train and street car service until the further order of this Commission. The Commission specifically reserves the right to make such other and further orders in this proceeding as to it may appear just and proper or as may be required by conditions arising from the necessity for present or future power conservation.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of June, 1924.

O. S. Seaver
H. W. Brundage
Dwight Martin

Commissioners