

Decision No. 14797

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of MOTOR TRANSIT COMPANY for an)
order permitting it to abandon)
its operation of an automobile)
stage line between the cities of)
Los Angeles and Long Beach via)
Huntington Park and Long Beach)
Boulevard.)

APPLICATION NO. 10591.

Herbert W. Kidd, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Motor Transit Company, a corporation, has made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon its automobile stage service between the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach via Huntington Park and Long Beach Boulevard.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Applicant was authorized by Decision No. 8465 on Application No. 5105, dated December 20, 1920, to conduct an operation between Los Angeles and points south of Santa Ana (and including San Diego) via Long Beach, but was restricted from handling any local traffic between Los Angeles and Long Beach, or intermediate points. By Decision No. 13454 on Application No. 8454, this operation was further validated and defined. Applicant has conducted the operation continuously and is still

conducting the same for such passengers as apply to it for transportation to San Diego or points south of Santa Ana via Long Beach.

According to the testimony of F. D. Howell, general manager of applicant company, fifty-eight northbound and thirty-seven southbound passengers used this routing to San Diego from September, 1924, to January, 1925, inclusive. It was the testimony of Mr. Howell that the public does not require or use the service provided, that the operation is unprofitable, and that frequently applicant must run empty cars over this routing in order to comply with its franchise requirements.

Applicant is now operating, under Decision No. 12436 on Application No. 9151, dated August 2, 1923, a service between San Pedro harbor in the city of Los Angeles, via Wilmington and Long Beach to Santa Ana, thence to San Diego via the Coast highway. It was the testimony of Mr. Howell that this service is used by travelers from the points named, to and from the southern points, and that it seems to meet all public need.

The application was not opposed by anyone, and it appears that there is no reason for the continuance of a service that is not used by the public. Applicant's other lines and the lines of other carriers direct from Los Angeles to Santa Ana provide a much shorter routing to Santa Ana and points south thereof, and there appears to be no demand for a service via Long Beach.

We therefore find as a fact, upon the record herein, that public convenience and necessity do not require the con-

tinuance of service between Los Angeles and San Diego via Long Beach, and that applicant should be permitted to abandon that portion of its service between Los Angeles and Long Beach, as applied for.

O R D E R

Motor Transit Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon operation of its service between Los Angeles and San Diego via Long Beach, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the continuance of said operation; and

IT IS ORDERED that applicant Motor Transit Company is hereby granted permission to abandon said operation between Los Angeles and Long Beach via Huntington Park and Long Beach Boulevard, and that, insofar as such abandonment is permitted, Decision No. 8465 on Application No. 5105 and Decision No. 13454 on Application No. 8454 are hereby modified to that extent only.

Applicant is hereby required to cancel, within ten (10) days from the date of this order, all tariffs and time schedules now on file with this Commission covering rates and service on the line herein authorized to be abandoned.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of April 1925.

H. B. Burdige
C. Cheung

George D. Squires
Emm. Scott
Commissioners.