

Decision No. 14827

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a )  
corporation, for authority to abandon )  
and remove its tracks on East Orange ) Application No. 10992  
Grove Avenue, Los Robles and California )  
Streets, West Colorado Street and Villa )  
Street in the City of Pasadena, California. )

BY THE COMMISSION -

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Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment and removal of certain street car tracks in the City of Pasadena.

The tracks herein proposed to be abandoned and removed are specifically described as follows:

- (1) That certain single track line approximately 5758 feet in length, commencing at the switch point in the east track on Lake Avenue just south of East Orange Grove Avenue; thence northeasterly along a curve concave southeasterly to a point in East Orange Grove Avenue; thence easterly along East Orange Grove Avenue to a point a short distance west of Allen Avenue; and
- (2) Commencing at the switch points on Colorado Street just west of the center line of Los Robles Avenue; thence southeasterly and southerly along double track, a distance of 378 feet to the beginning of single track on Los Robles Avenue; thence southerly along single track on Los Robles Avenue and California Street, a distance of 3376.7 feet to the beginning of double track just east of Los Robles Avenue; thence easterly along double track on California Street 2493.2 feet to the switch point just west of Lake Avenue; thence easterly along single track on California Street 176.5 feet to the beginning of double track just east of Lake Avenue; thence easterly along double track on California Street, 1567.6 feet to the beginning of single track; thence continuing along single track on California Street 318.2 feet to the end of said track; including curve connections at California Street and Lake Avenue.

Also, commencing at the switch points on Colorado Street just west of the center line of Los Robles Avenue; thence northeasterly and northerly along double track 407.25 feet to the beginning of single track on Los Robles Avenue; thence northerly along single track on Los Robles Avenue, a distance of 4564.2 feet to the beginning of double track; thence continuing northerly along double track on Los Robles Avenue 409.9 feet to the beginning of single track; thence continuing northerly along single track on Los Robles Avenue, 3015 feet, more or less, to a point just south of Washington Street; and

- (3) Commencing at a point in the single track on Colorado Street, approximately 50 feet westerly from the beginning of double track just west of Vernon Avenue; thence easterly along said single track, 50 feet, more or less; thence easterly along double track on Colorado Street, a distance of 1780 feet to a point approximately 12 feet east of the center line of Fair Oaks Avenue; and
- (4) Commencing at the switch point on Los Robles Avenue just south of Villa Street; thence northeasterly along a single track curve concave southeasterly, a distance of 179 feet to the beginning of double track on Villa Street; thence easterly along double track on Villa Street a distance of 2483.6 feet to a switch point just west of Lake Avenue; thence easterly and northeasterly along single track on Villa Street and Lake Avenue, 141.41 feet to a connection with the west track on Lake Avenue.

The above described tracks being more particularly shown in purple color on a blue print map marked "C.E.5931-f" as attached to and forming a part of the application herein.

The tracks herein proposed to be abandoned are not now used for street car operation and have not been so used since the suspension of street car service and the substitution of motor coach service upon various routes in the city of Pasadena under the provisions of Ordinance No.2130 of the City of Pasadena and adopted July 9, 1923, said ordinance having been adopted following approval of the plan of substituted service as contained in this Commission's Decision No.12151 as decided May 29, 1923.

Applicant alleges that the substituted motor coach service has proven satisfactory to the City of Pasadena and that it is now the desire of said City that the rails be removed; that street improvements are now contemplated by the City of Pasadena along the routes where abandonment is herein requested and that if the rails are not removed large expenditures will be required of applicant in the matter of maintenance, replacement and street work.

The Board of Directors of the City of Pasadena by its Ordinance No.2328 under date January 27, 1925, has consented to the abandonment of electric railway service over the routes herein sought, and to the removal of the tracks, such authorization subject to, and to be effective upon, the approval of this Commission. A certified copy of the ordinance has been filed herein as a portion of the application.

The Commission being 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 applicant, Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to abandon and remove its tracks and appurtenances thereto as heretofore maintained and operated on the certain streets and avenues in the City of Pasadena as hereinsbove specifically described.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1925.

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