

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
the SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY)
for permission to abandon service and to)
take up tracks on State Street between) Application No. 10997
Broadway and Ivy Street in the City of)
San Diego.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment of its street railway line on State Street between Broadway and Ivy Street in the City of San Diego, to remove its tracks and appurtenances now located on such street, to place the right of way in similar condition to that of the remaining portion of State Street after the removal of the tracks, and to operate automobile bus service in lieu of the street car service herein proposed to be abandoned.

Applicant alleges that the tracks located on State Street, between Broadway and Ivy Street, are now in such condition that they must be immediately rebuilt if operation is to be continued thereover; that the cost of rebuilding the tracks in accordance with the applicant's present standard, including paving, is estimated at \$145,821; and that the traffic offering for movement over the State Street line does not justify this expenditure.

Applicant alleges that it estimates the gross revenue to be derived from the operation of this line as approximately \$1,226.70 per month; that the fixed charges, depreciation, and interest on the money necessary for reconstruction will amount to \$1,536.69 per month which amount exceeds by \$110 per month the amount estimated as gross revenue, no consideration being given

to the operating expenses and the wages of platform men alone being estimated as \$270 per month.

Applicant proposes, should the abandonment of service and removal of tracks be authorized, to reroute a bus line now operated on India Street so that same would be operated on State Street and the establishment of such substituted bus service in lieu of the rail service would provide better service for the patrons of the present rail service as a ten and fifteen minute headway would be provided instead of the twelve and fifteen minute headway now available.

The matter of the proposed abandonment of car service on State Street, San Diego, and the substitution of motor coach service by the rerouting of an existing motor coach line has received considerable publicity in the City of San Diego and was the subject of investigation by the Transportation Committee of the Common Council, such Committee recommending to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of San Diego, under date March 2, 1925, that authorization be given for the proposed suspension of service, abandonment of tracks and substitution of motor coach service. The Council of the City of San Diego on March 9, 1925, adopted the recommendation of its Transportation Committee and on April 6, 1925, passed a resolution permitting the abandonment of the street car line and the change in the routing of the motor coach line. A certified copy of Resolution No. 33749 of the Common Council of the City of San Diego as adopted by said Council on April 6, 1925, is attached to and is made a part of the application herein.

Upon full consideration of the application as herein presented, 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 in accordance with the provisions of the following form of order.

ORDER

San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, having filed application for authority to discontinue street car service on State Street, San Diego, between Broadway and Ivy Street; to abandon and remove its tracks and appurtenances located on said street; and to substitute motor coach service by rerouting an existing motor coach line to furnish service in lieu of the street car service formerly rendered; the Commission being now fully advised and of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to suspend its street car service as heretofore operated on State Street, in the City of San Diego, between Broadway and Ivy Street; to abandon and remove its tracks and appurtenances as thereon located; and to substitute motor coach service in lieu of the street car service as heretofore rendered by diverting the route of a motor coach line now operating on India Street so that operation will hereafter be given from the intersection of E and State Streets, thence northerly along State Street to Ivy Street, thence westerly along Ivy Street to India Street and thence northerly along the present route on India and other streets to the end of the motor coach route in Old San Diego.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall not become effective until applicant shall have given five (5) days notice to the traveling public by posting notices in its street cars and motor coaches now operating on the lines herein

proposed to be discontinued, abandoned or rerouted, a copy
of such notice to be filed with the Railroad Commission,

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of
May, 1925.

H. B. Brundage

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COMMISSIONERS.