

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of
San Diego and Arizona Railway Company }
for permission to remove certain un- } Application No. 111123
used portions of trackage in San Diego, }
California. }

BY THE COMMISSION -

ORDER

San Diego and Arizona Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of service, abandonment and removal of certain trackage in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California.

The trackage herein proposed to be abandoned and removed is described as follows:

- I. On Newton Avenue between 26th Street and 32nd Street, including a passing track between 30th Street and 31st Street, as more particularly shown in purple color on a blue print map marked S241 attached to and forming a part of the application herein.
- II. On N Street, between 20th Street and 22nd Street, as more particularly shown in purple color on a blue print map marked E-507 attached to and forming a part of the application herein.
- III. On N Street between Hensley Street and 29th Street, as more particularly shown in purple color on a blue print map marked E-507 attached to and forming a part of the application herein.

Applicant alleges that the City of San Diego is about to commence extensive street improvement work along the line of the applicants right of way where same is located in public streets, such street work comprising paving, grading, installation of sewerage and storm water drains; that such contemplated work will involve changes in the grade of streets upon which applicant's tracks are now located thereby necessitating either removal of the tracks or their realignment and reconstruction.

Applicant further alleges that it is unnecessary for the future conduct of its business and for the serving of its patrons and the public for the continued operation and maintenance of the trackage herein proposed to be abandoned and removed and in support of such allegation states the following specific reasons in support of its petition.

I. Trackage on Newton Avenue (hereinafter referred to under Item B

"This trackage is part of the original line of the old National City and Otay Railway Company built some thirty years ago. The National City and Otay Railway Company became part of the San Diego Southern Railway, and the latter company was later merged into the San Diego and Southeastern Railway; the latter company was purchased by the applicant. This portion of the line has been operated, under lease, by the San Diego Electric Railway Company as part of local route from San Diego to National City and Chula Vista, but has been unused for a year or so on account of patronage being better served by the line of the San Diego Electric Railway Company along National Avenue (next street parallel) between same points, and connecting with line of applicant at 32nd Street and Newton Avenue on to National City. The track in this section is very old and in very bad condition and further use would call for heavier rail and roadbed estimated at Ten Thousand (\$10,000.) Dollars. The section of the city traversed by it has no future industrial value and there appears to be no necessity to rehabilitate it. Its removal will avoid heavy expense to applicant for rebuilding as well as expense estimated at Five Thousand (\$5000.) Dollars for railway portion of new pavement contemplated."

II. Trackage on N Street between 20th Street and 22nd Street

"An old industrial spur, constructed some twenty-five years ago by the former Cuyamaca Railway Company to serve the business of Simpson & Pirnie Granite Company (local monument and building stone cutters), and has been in state of disuse for several years; applicant has been advised by the Simpson & Pirnie Company that it consents to the removal of this track from the street as it has no present use or business for the spur or means to maintain it in safe operating condition, retaining, however, the portion of the spur lying within its private property for purposes of handling heavy weight in the stone yard. This spur is worn out and there is no business inducement to renew it; its removal will avoid large expense of rebuilding into cement pavement as well as cost to applicant of paving of surface of the street involved."

III. On K Street between Hensley Street and 29th Street

"This side track has become unnecessary to operation of the main line and there is no industry purpose to serve at this point. This side track was constructed many years ago and has become so worn that it has become useless for operation. It is proposed to take up and remove this siding track, and by so doing avoid the heavy expense of rebuilding the roadbed into concrete foundation required by city specifications for contemplated street improvement work on this street, and also save expense of surface pavement chargeable to applicant in the improvement district."

After full consideration 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant San Diego and Arizona Railway Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to suspend service, abandon and remove its trackage as now located in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, over and upon the following streets:

- I. On Newton Avenue between 26th Street and 32nd Street, including a passing track between 30th Street and 31st Street.
- II. On K Street, between 20th Street and 22nd Street.
- III. On N Street between Hensley Street and 29th Street, provided, however, that upon the abandonment and removal of the tracks from the streets as hereinabove authorized applicant will restore the portion of the streets from which its tracks are removed to a condition equivalent to that of the remaining portions of the streets and in a manner satisfactory to the City Manager of the City of San Diego.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of May, 1925.

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