

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 15983

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a
 corporation, for permission to remove
 and abandon third rails on Seventh Street,
 between San Pedro Street and Alameda
 Street, in the City of Los Angeles,
 California.) Application
 No. 12505

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment and removal of third rails as now maintained in its tracks on Seventh Street, between San Pedro Street and Alameda Street, and for the removal of special track work now installed at San Pedro Street and at Alameda Street, the tracks proposed to be abandoned and removed being shown in yellow color, and the special track work proposed to be abandoned and removed being shown in green color, all on a blue print map marked "C.E.R. 9228" as attached to and forming a part of the application herein.

Applicant alleges that there has heretofore been constructed and is now maintained third rails on each of the double tracks on Seventh Street, between San Pedro Street and Central Avenue, and between Central Avenue and Alameda Street in the City of Los Angeles, in order to provide joint use of such track by the Pacific Electric Railway Company in its operation of standard gauge equipment and the Los Angeles Railway Corporation in its operations of narrow gauge equipment; that the third rail on each of the above mentioned double tracks is no longer necessary as the service on the Southern Division of applicant is now

routed via San Pedro and East Ninth Streets and that it is to the best interest of the public and the applicant that said third rail and special work be now removed from each of the above mentioned double tracks and the street be paved after such removal.

Applicant further alleges that recent heavy rains have caused the street pavement to be left in bad condition and that immediate reconstruction work must be prosecuted by the Los Angeles Railway Corporation, which corporation is to continue to operate the narrow gauge tracks on Seventh Street.

The consent of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles to the proposed abandonment of the third rail and special work has been secured by applicant as is evidenced by a certified copy of Ordinance No. 53373 of the City of Los Angeles as passed by its City Council and duly approved by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles on January 28, 1926, said certified copy of the above ordinance being filed with this Commission as "Exhibit A" attached to the application herein.

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, Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to abandon and remove the third rails and special work now installed on Seventh Street, between San Pedro Street and Alameda Street, in the City of Los Angeles, as shown in yellow and green color on the blue print map marked "C.E.H. 9228" as attached to and forming a part of the application herein.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of February, 1926.

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