

Decision No. 17316

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)
corporation, for an order authorizing)
it to abandon its Ocean Park and)
Venice freight stations and in lieu) Application
thereof to establish a consolidated) No.13150
agency freight station at Sunset)
Avenue, Venice.)

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 its freight stations now located at Surf Street in the City of Santa Monica and the Venice Freight Station in the City of Venice, and the substitution therefor of a consolidated agency freight station to be located at Sunset Avenue, Venice, on the Inglewood Line of applicant's railway.

Applicant alleges that by appropriate proceedings heretofore instituted by the City of Santa Monica condemnation proceedings have been completed for the widening of Main Street, in the City of Santa Monica, from Hollister Avenue southerly to the south city boundary of the City of Santa Monica; that in co-operation with said street widening applicant has arranged to relocate a portion of its Inglewood Line by moving same westerly, said relocation of trackage having been heretofore duly authorized by this Commission by its Decision No.14138 on Application No.10508; that the relocation of the tracks at Surf Street, in the City of Santa Monica, will require a relocation of the freight station heretofore maintained at such point; and that there are three freight stations now serving the Venice-Ocean Park-Santa Monica district, said district covering a distance of about two and one-half miles, to wit: the freight station at Venice, the freight

station at Surf Street, Santa Monica, and the Santa Monica Freight Station located at 1651 Main Street, Santa Monica, adjacent to the business district of that city.

Applicant further alleges that the volume of business transacted does not justify the continued maintenance and operation of three freight stations to serve the Venice-Ocean Park-Santa Monica district; and that a condemnation suit now pending in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles (Case No.194166) contemplates the acquisition of applicant's private right of way in the City of Venice, commonly known as "Trolley Way", and the relocation of applicant's tracks on a new private right of way easterly from their present location, such relocation of tracks resulting in the moving and relocation of applicant's Venice Freight Station.

Applicant proposes to consolidate the Surf Street Freight Station and the Venice Freight Station by the establishment of a centrally located agency freight station at Sunset Avenue, Venice, on its Inglewood Line, said station to serve jointly the communities of Ocean Park and Venice. The proposed facility will be located approximately thirty-five hundred (3500) feet southerly from the present Surf Street Freight Station, and approximately thirty-five hundred (3500) feet northerly from the present Venice Freight Station at Mildred Avenue, Venice.

The locations of the existing freight stations and the proposed location of the consolidated freight station are shown on a blue print map marked "C.E.H. No.10027" as attached to and forming a part of 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 discontinue and abandon the maintenance of freight stations at Surf Street in the City of Santa Monica and at Mildred Avenue,

Venice, in the Venice district of the City of Los Angeles, said discontinuance and abandonment to become effective after ten (10) days notice will have been given the shipping public by posting notices of discontinuance and abandonment at the freight stations at Surf Street in the City of Santa Monica and at Mildred Avenue, Venice, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that coincident with the discontinuance of freight stations at Surf Street in the City of Santa Monica and at Mildred Avenue, Venice, there shall be established and hereafter maintained a consolidated agency freight station at Sunset Avenue, Venice, on the Inglewood Line of applicant's Western Division.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of September, 1926.

H. B. Anderson
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COMMISSIONERS.