

Decision No. 19151**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for  
authority to reduce its so-called  
"Horseshoe" service between Oakland  
Pier and Alameda, California.

Application No. 14171.

E. J. Foulds, for Applicant.

W. J. Locke, for City of Alameda.

SEAVEY, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, requests permission to reduce the amount of service on the so-called "Horseshoe" line of its East Bay Electric Division in Oakland and Alameda, Alameda County, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter December 10th, 1927, in Alameda.

The "Horseshoe" service of Southern Pacific Company is operated between Alameda and Oakland Pier by way of Lincoln Avenue, in Alameda, and Fruitvale Avenue to Fruitvale Station, Oakland, thence along the Seventh Street line to Oakland Pier. The present service on this line consists of 37 round-trips during the week days, 43 trips on Sundays and 41 trips on Saturdays. From a traffic check taken in the latter part of November, an average of 4.4 revenue passengers were carried per single trip.

It is proposed by the applicant to reduce the service to two trips each way daily, as shown by the exhibit attached to the application. By so doing, it is estimated that a saving of \$20,000. per year can be effected. The existing street car service between Oakland and Alameda offered by the Key System Transit Company is ample to handle the local traffic between the two cities and it therefore appears that no necessity exists for the continued operation of the "Horseshoe" service throughout the day.

No objection was raised to the curtailment of this service by either the cities of Alameda or Oakland, or any of their civic organizations.

The following form of order is recommended.

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, having made application for permission to reduce its so-called "Horseshoe" service between Oakland Pier and Alameda, County of Alameda, State of California, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for decision, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Southern Pacific Company, a corporation to reduce its passenger service on the so-called "Horseshoe" line between Oakland Pier and Alameda, as set forth on the exhibit attached to the application, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, for at least five (5) days before the reduction of service, post

notices in all trains of said "Horseshoe" service, notifying the public of said reduction in service.

(2) Applicant shall file with the Commission the proposed time schedule at least five (5) days before the reduction of service on said "Horseshoe" line.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1927

Edward  
Chace  
Leon Whiteall  
Thornton  
M. J. ...  
 Commissioners.