

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 19176.

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
abandon passenger service on its
Seaside Park Line in the City of
Long Beach, California.

APPLICATION NO. 13943.

C. W. Cornell, for Applicant.

Geo. W. Trammell, Assistant City Attorney for the
City of Long Beach, Interested Party.C. A. Bland, for Long Beach Chamber of Commerce,
Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant herein seeks authority to abandon passenger service upon its branch line known as its Seaside Park Line in the City of Long Beach. Service has been maintained on this line over the route merely as a franchise service for several years, one car being operated daily between Seventh Street and Pico Avenue and along Ocean Boulevard to Alpine Avenue and return. This line formerly directly served the territory along Ocean Avenue, but the construction of a flood control channel of considerable width and depth prevented continuation of this service for the reason that no bridge was provided and the operation did not justify the construction of a bridge by

applicant so as to continue such direct service. Since that time franchise trips only have been operated via the Seventh Street bridge and over the route herein sought to be abandoned.

It is alleged by applicant that maintenance of the service is unnecessary, involving, as it does, a cost of \$31.80 a month, and that there has been almost no revenue passengers. An exhibit (No.3), filed by applicant, shows that from January 1st to September 30, 1927, applicant expended approximately \$411.39 operating this franchise schedule. The total operating revenue during this period was \$4.41. The cost of operation was made by apparent proper allocation of costs based on the ratio of costs of other operations similar to this one.

Originally the purpose of the Company to abandon this service was opposed by the City of Long Beach under the impression that the abandonment of passenger service meant also the abandonment of freight service and the elimination of the tracks. At the hearing, however, the City of Long Beach, through its Assistant City Attorney, withdrew all opposition and a certified copy of the action of the City Council of Long Beach (Exhibit No. 1) was filed, showing the unanimous action of the Council in withdrawing opposition.

Charles A. Bland, appearing for the Chamber of Commerce of Long Beach, stated that the Chamber had no objection to the abandonment of this service. No opposition to the granting of the application was presented.

It appears, from the record, that a single car has been operated on one trip daily over this line to comply with franchise requirements and that such operation is unnecessary and a loss to the applicant to the extent of economic waste of

its funds and that the application should be granted and an order accordingly will be entered.

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway, a corporation, applicant herein, having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon passenger service on its Seaside Park Line in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant herein be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue its passenger operation over and along the following route, and to withdraw its schedules and rates for such service now on file with this Commission:

Commencing at the switch points in the present constructed tracks of the Pacific Electric Railway on Seventh Street, just east of Pico Avenue; thence southerly across Seventh Street and along the west line of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Channel to Santa Cruz Avenue; thence westerly along Santa Cruz Avenue and private right of way to Alpine Avenue.

Said route being shown in yellow on blue print map C.E.H.10675, attached to the application.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23^d day of December, 1927.

Edmund Scott
W. J. Lewis
Leon White
Thos. H. Powell
W. J. Lewis
 Commissioners.