

Decision No. 19619

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of  
Santa Barbara & Suburban Railway  
Company for an order authorizing it  
to discontinue the operation of its  
State Street motor bus line.

Application No. 14333.

Roy B. Reppy and B. F. Woodard, by  
B. F. Woodard, for applicant.

T. R. Finley and S. J. Bingham, for  
City of Santa Barbara.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Santa Barbara and Suburban Railway Company requests permission to discontinue the operation of its State Street motor bus line, in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Williams, in Santa Barbara, on March 9th, 1928.

The State Street motor bus line operates from the intersection of Anapamu Street and State Street, known as the Post Office corner, to Casa Loma and return via State Street, Constance Avenue and Hollister Avenue.

For most of the distance along State Street this motor bus line is midway between the Oak Park street car line on Bath Street and the Mission Street car line on Garden Street. These street car lines are six blocks apart or three blocks removed on each side of the State Street motor bus line.

The revenue derived from the operation of this motor bus line does not meet the out-of-pocket cost of operation. As is

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shown in applicant's Exhibit No. 1, the average loss per day is \$20.27 or over \$7,000. per year.

This bus line is the only means of public transportation from the Casa Loma District, located beyond the limits of the car lines, and certain people living in this territory protested the granting of this application. There is no question but that the service is a convenience to these people, but the patronage is so light that it does not appear to justify the continuance of the operation of the line or the establishment of a motor bus route from the northerly terminal of the Oak Park Street car line to Casa Loma, and the spread of the operating losses of either line over the remainder of the system. As the continued operation of this bus line does not appear to be justified, this application should be granted.

O R D E R

Santa Barbara and Suburban Railway Company, a corporation, having made application to discontinue the operation of its State Street motor bus line in the City of Santa Barbara, 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 Santa Barbara and Suburban Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of its State Street motor bus line in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, along the following route:

Beginning at the intersection of Anapamu Street and State Street, thence continuing northwesterly along State Street to Constance Avenue, thence southwesterly along Constance Avenue to Hollister Avenue, thence northwesterly along Hollister Avenue to Casa Loma and return via the same route;

the authority herein granted being subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applicant shall post notices in all the cars and motor busses of its system for at least five(5) days prior to the

abandonment of said service, notifying the public of the date of said abandonment.

(2) Applicant shall place notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Santa Barbara for at least five days, notifying the public of the date of said abandonment.

(3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the date of abandonment of said motor bus service.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1928.

Leon Whidell

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Commissioners.