

Decision No. 19880

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the )  
 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for )  
 permission to discontinue operation of )  
 the Venice-Compton Motor Coach Line )  
 between the City of Venice and the City )  
 of Compton, in the State of California. )

APPLICATION NO. 14399

**ORIGINAL**

E. E. Wedekind, for Applicant.

A. C. Cooney, for City of Compton.

E. W. Savage and E. W. Porter, for  
 Venice Branch, Los Angeles  
 Chamber of Commerce.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of Pacific Electric Railway Com-  
 pany for an order authorizing the discontinuance of operation  
 of the Venice-Compton motor coach line between the city of  
 Compton and Venice, California.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Williams on  
 March 30, 1928, at Compton, at which time the matter was sub-  
 mitted.

This line is a portion of the original Compton Trans-  
 portation Company's operation, having been acquired by applicant  
 under authority of Decision 14971 on Application 11139, dated  
 May 23, 1925. At that time, the line was operated through

between Venice and Long Beach, paralleling the Long Beach-Huntington Park line between Long Beach and Compton. By Decision 18186 on Application 12681, applicant was authorized to discontinue the through service and operate only the Venice-Compton line, making connection with applicant's rail and bus service at Compton for Long Beach. This operation was commenced April 27, 1927.

Financial results of operation of this line for the nine months' period May 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928, is as follows:

Revenues, .....	\$3,975.93
Expenses (out-of-pocket), Depreciation and Taxes, ....	<u>12,425.61</u>
Net Loss (9 months).....	\$8,449.68

The above statement includes only the direct expenses incident to operation of this line. Depreciation is computed on a 5% sinking fund basis with an estimated six-year life for motor coaches.

A check of travel for the month of February, 1928, indicates that the largest number of passengers carried on any one trip was fourteen, with an average per trip of five. The number of passengers carried for the nine months' period was 12,087, or an average of 1,343 per month.

After the presentation of applicant's evidence, no evidence was entered by any of the appearances noted, nor was protest entered against the granting of the application.

In view of the financial loss which operation of this line is entailing, and the limited patronage, we find that its continued operation is unjustified and that the permission sought to abandon the line should be granted.

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company having applied for permission to discontinue operation of its Venice-Compton motor coach line, a public hearing having been held, the matter being under submission, and ready for decision, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and the same hereby is granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to discontinue operation of its Venice-Compton motor coach line along the following described route:

Commencing at the intersection of Windward Avenue and Speedway, Venice, thence south on Speedway to Venice Boulevard, thence east on Venice Boulevard to Washington Boulevard, thence east on Washington Boulevard to Centinella Avenue, thence west on Centinella Avenue to Warren Lane, thence southwesterly to Edgewood Street, thence Edgewood Street to Hawthorne Street, thence Hawthorne Street to Commercial Street, thence Commercial Street to Redondo Boulevard, thence Redondo Boulevard to Hawthorne Avenue, thence south on Hawthorne Avenue to Redondo-Riverside Road, thence Redondo-Riverside Road to Western Avenue, thence Western Avenue to San Pedro Street, thence San Pedro Street to Palm Avenue, thence Palm Avenue to Harbor Boulevard, thence north on Harbor Boulevard to Redondo-Riverside Road, thence east along Redondo-Riverside Road to Long Beach Boulevard.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that notice of such abandonment shall be given the public by notices posted in the coaches and stations along said line, for a period of not less than fifteen (15) days prior to abandonment of said service.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company be authorized to cancel rates and time schedules on file with the Railroad Commission covering said service, on one (1) day's notice, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of convenience and necessity heretofore granted by the Commission in its Decision No. 18186 on Application No. 12681 be and the same hereby is revoked and annulled.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1928.

Leon Whitell

Ch. Seavoy

Wm. W. East

Thos. S. Kautz

Wm. J. Carr

Commissioners.