

Decision No. 13892.

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 WEST SIDE TRANSIT CO., )  
 a corporation, for a certificate )  
 authorizing applicant to exchange )  
 transfers with the B. & H. Transpor- )  
 tation Company, a corporation, and )  
 Lang Transportation Company, a co- )  
 partnership, consisting of Mike )  
 Lang, Howard M. Lang and Gene Lang; )  
 said transfers to be exchanged only )  
 from said lines within the corpo- )  
 rate limits of the City of Long )  
 Beach, County of Los Angeles, State )  
 of California. )

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Application No. 14523.

M. K. Todd, for West Side Transit Company, applicant.

Bruce Mason and D. P. Bush, for B. & H. Transportation Company and Lang Transportation Company.

J. K. Mull, Deputy District Attorney, S. C. Dalton and C. A. Blund, for Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by the West Side Transit Company, a corporation, for authority to establish a joint passenger fare of seven (7) cents with the B. & H. Transportation Company, a corporation, and the Lang Transportation Company, a co-partnership, between points located on the motor bus routes of the three interested parties within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at Long Beach on June 7, 1928, and the matter having been submitted is

now ready for an opinion and order.

The West Side Transit Company operates an interurban motor bus service between Long Beach and Los Angeles, serving Watson, Davidson City, Torrance, Moneta, Western City and Manchester Avenue, the latter point being within the City of Los Angeles. In passing through Long Beach a local service is rendered on what is known as the Daisy Avenue and Ferris Road lines.

The B. & E. Transportation Company, a corporation, and the Lang Transportation Company, a copartnership (both lines being controlled by the same interests), are serving the east side districts of the City of Long Beach, while the West Side Transit Company renders service in the west side of the city. That district served by the Lang interests is primarily residential, while the district served by the West Side Transit Company is in a large degree made up of factories and industrial plants. There is a continual flow of passengers from one side of the city to the other, especially among the employees of the factories who are living on the east side of the city and working on the west side.

Under the present permit arrangement with the City of Long Beach the companies controlled by the Lang copartnership have two bases of fares, 5 cents on the B. & E. and 7 cents on the Lang Transportation Company, and in transferring from these lines to the West Side Transit Company passengers must under the fares now in effect pay as a through charge 10 cents when originating within the confines of one territory and 12 cents when within the other. It was shown by the testimony of witnesses that during a test period there have been approximately 200 passengers in each direction, or a total of 400 per day, who now under the present tariffs are required to pay the combination of local fares.

Witnesses for the applicant testified that there has been a continual demand for this 7¢ transfer ticket, that the through transportation is a public convenience and necessity and would be a decided advantage to the traveling public. The proposed fare is recommended by resolutions of the City Council and the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce. There were no appearances in opposition to the granting of the application.

It is further urged that the discontinuance of the rail services of the Pacific Electric Railway Company and the abandonment of its tracks on the Magnolia Avenue route authorized by our Decision No. 19843, Application No. 14691, May 29, 1928, and effective June 24, will make this seven-cent fare of greater necessity to the people of Long Beach.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of a through route and the publication of a joint fare of seven (7) cents between these three motor bus services. The application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, evidence having been submitted by the applicants, and the Commission being fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that there is a necessity for the publication of a joint one-way passenger fare of 7 cents between points located on the motor bus route of the West Side Transit Company and points located on the motor bus routes of the B. & E. Transportation Company, a corporation, and the Lang Transportation Company, a partnership, all points being within the corporate limits of the

City of Long Beach.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, West Side Transit Company, be and it is hereby authorized to publish and file a joint tariff setting forth the fare of seven (7) cents to be assessed over the through route within the City of Long Beach.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1923.

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*C. C. Seamy*

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*John D. Lott*

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*W. H. Case*  
Commissioners.

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