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Decision No. 19959

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for authomity to abandon service and remove its tracks on the Upland Ontario Line in the City of Ontario, and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a motor coach line as substitute therefor, between the Cities of Upland and Ontario; and to relocate passenger station in Upland.

APPLICATION NO. 14665

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BY THE COMMISSION:

## ORIGINAL

## ORDER

This is an application of the Pacific Electric Railway Company for authority to abandon service and remove its tracks on the Upland-Ontario line in the City of Ontario and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a motor coach line as substitute therefor between the Cities of Upland and Ontario, and to relocate passenger station in Upland.

It is proposed to abandon that portion of this line on Euclid Avenue from 8th Street southerly to the end of the line, for the reason that the operation of the service is being conducted at too great a financial loss to justify further operation.

It is alleged in the application that the operating revenues of the existing rail line, for the year April 1, 1927, to March 31, 1928, inclusive, were insufficient to pay the direct costs of operation and taxes, resulting in a net out-of-pocket loss of \$3,869.18. It is also proposed to relocate the main line, Los Angeles-San Bernardino - Riverside, passenger station serving the Upland-Ontario district, from the center of Euclid Avenue, in the City of Upland, to a new station to be constructed on the main line at the corner of 2nd Avenue in the City of Upland.

Applicant proposes to operate a motor coach service within and between the Cities of Ontario and Upland, beginning at the proposed new station, thence via 2nd Avenue, 9th Street and Euclid Avenue to applicant's existing station in Ontario at Euclid Avenue and Southern Pacific right-of-way.

It is also proposed to charge the same fares on the motor coach line as are at present in effect on the rail line to be abandoned, said fares being shown on original page No. 14 of local passenger tariff No. 913, C.R.C. 2091.

Service is to be performed by operating two late model twenty-nine-passenger, single deck motor coaches on substantially the same schedule as at present maintained on the rail line. If the service warrants, the number of coaches will be increased to meet the traffic needs.

The Cities of Ontario and Upland, by appropriate resolution by their respective Boards of Trustées, have advised this Commission that they approve the granting of the application of the Pacific Electric Railway Company for permission to replace rail service along Euclid Avenue with bus operation in the City of Ontario, and to relocate the passenger station in Upland, as proposed herein. Motor Transit Company, which operates bus service between Ontario and Upland, has withdrawn objection to the granting of this application.

It appears to this Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary; that the changes proposed are in the public interest, and that the application should be granted, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified, therefore,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to abandon service and remove its tracks on Euclid Avenue in the City of Ontario, said line to be abandoned being described as follows:

> Commencing at a point 89½ feet north of center line of Eighth Street on Euclid Avenue, thence southerly along Euclid Avenue to the end of the line within the City of Ontario.

> Said line being shown in yellow on blue print map C.E.H. 10960-b attached to the application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to abandon and remove present passenger station in the City of Upland, located in the center of Euclid Avenue on the Company's main line. Los Angeles-San Bernardino-Riverside, provided it erects a new station at the corner of 2nd Avenue on said main line in the City of Upland.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and same hereby is granted to applicant herein to establish motor coach service as a part of and in conjunction with its electric railway as a common carrier of passengers between applicant's station in the City of Upland and the City of Ontario, over and along the following route:

> Commencing at the Pacific Electric Station on Second Avenue between "B" and "C" Streets, south on Second Avenue to Ninth Street, west on Ninth Street to Euclid Avenue, south on Euclid Avenue to Emporia Avenue; return reverse this route,

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Proposed route being shown in green on map C.E.E. 10960-b, attached to application,

subject to the following conditions:

I Applicant shall file with the Railroad Commission, within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof, its written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.

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II Applicant shall file, in duplicate, within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof, tariff of rates and time schedules, such tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein, or rates and time schedules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission, and shall commence operation of said service within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from date hereof.

- III The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be sold, leased, transferred nor assigned, nor service thereunder discontinued, unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such sale, lease, transfer, assignment or discontinuance has first been secured.
- IV No vehicle may be operated by applicant under the authority herein granted unless such vehicle is owned by applicant or is leased by it under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- V Notice to the public shall be given by the posting of appropriate notices at the stations and in the cars of the said line operating along Euclid Avenue between the main line and Ontario, for a period of not less than five (5) days in advance of the proposed change of operation.

The authority granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 32 day of

Commissioners.