

Decision No. 13998

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate motor coach passenger service between the intersection of Wilshire and San Vicente Boulevards, in the City of Los Angeles, and Gardner Junction, in the City of Los Angeles, via Wilshire Boulevard, Canyon Drive and Sunset Boulevard, operated in part through the County of Los Angeles and City of Beverly Hills, California.

Application No. 14837.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, applicant herein, has petitioned this Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity requires the extension and re-routing of its Sunset Boulevard-Canyon Drive Motor Bus Line. This operation was first authorized under Decision No. 14715, dated March 27th, 1925, and later affirmed by Decision No. 14970, dated May 23rd, 1925, on Application No. 10899, authority being granted to operate motor coach service between the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard and Gardner Junction in the Cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills.

By Decision No. 19668, dated April 25th, 1928, on Application No. 14590, authority was granted to discontinue that portion of the line on Wilshire Boulevard between Fairfax Avenue and Canyon Drive.

The change proposed in this application contemplates the extension of service from Sunset Boulevard and Laurel Canyon Drive

northerly; thence easterly along Hollywood Boulevard through the business district of Hollywood to Vine Avenue; from this point the line will be operated along the route of the existing "Hollywoodland" motor coach line of applicant. The latter operation has never been certificated by this Commission, this operation being entirely within the City Limits of the City of Los Angeles.

The re-routing contemplated will result in the abandonment of service along Sunset Boulevard between Laurel Canyon Drive and Gardner Street. There is, however, the service of the Sunset Boulevard Line of the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company available over this existing route.

Fares on the line will be on a parity with Pacific Electric local rail line fares and will include transfers to and from Zone 3.

The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, by letter, dated June 19th, 1928, has advised the Commission that permits have been granted for motor coach operation over the streets of the City of Los Angeles, covering the routes as proposed and asks that early consideration be given the application; also the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce asked for an early determination of the matter, as such a service will improve local transportation to the Hollywood District. Pasadena-Ocean Park Stage Line has waived objection to the granting of this application as has also Original Stage Line.

We are of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted as prayed for, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Pacific Electric Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue its motor coach service between Canyon Drive and Wilshire Boulevard, in Beverly Hills, and Sunset Boulevard and Gardner Street, in the City of Los Angeles, via Sunset Boulevard, as authorized by the certificate of public con-

venience and necessity, dated May 23rd, 1925, granted by our Decision No. 14970 in Application No. 10899, and said certificate is hereby revoked and annulled.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue operation of its so-called "Hollywoodland" motor coach line, between the intersection of Beachwood and Westshire Drive and Hollywood Boulevard and Ivy Avenue, said discontinuance to be coincident with the operation of service authorized herein.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation, by Pacific Electric Railway Company, of an automotive passenger stage service between the Cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills over and along the following routes, to-wit:

Commencing at Beachwood Drive and Westshire Drive, Hollywoodland, along Beachwood Drive to Franklin Avenue, thence along Franklin Avenue to Argyle Avenue, thence along Argyle Avenue to Vine Street, thence along Vine Street to Hollywood Boulevard, thence along Hollywood Boulevard to Laurel Canyon Road, thence along Laurel Canyon Road to Sunset Boulevard, thence along Sunset Boulevard to Canyon Drive, thence along Canyon Drive to Beverly Drive, thence along Beverly Drive to Santa Monica Boulevard, thence along Santa Monica Boulevard to Canyon Drive, thence along Canyon Drive to Wilshire Boulevard;

said route being shown on map marked C.E. 7856, attached to the application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such a service be and the same is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applicant shall file its written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

(2) Applicant shall file, in duplicate, within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from the date hereof, tariff of rates and time schedules, such tariffs of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein, or other rates and time schedules which will be satisfactory to the Railroad Commission, and shall commence operation of said service within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

(3) The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer, or assignment has first been secured.

(4) No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by it under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of July, 1928.

Leon Whitney

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Commissioners.