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Decision No. 20753.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY, a corporation, for an order permitting it to increase its rates of fare upon its street car lines operating in the County of Sacramento.	Application No. 13851.
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Butler, Van Dyke & Desmond, by  
 J.W.S. Butler, for applicant.

Robert L. Shinn, City Attorney, and  
 H. C. Bottorff, for City of Sacra-  
 mento.

Neil McAllister, by Alex Ashen, for  
 the County of Sacramento.

BY LOU THIT, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled proceeding Central California Traction Company asks authority to increase the rate of fare upon its street car lines operating in the City of Sacramento, State of California. The record herein shows that the fares now charged on applicant's Sacramento city local street car service is five (5) cents; that the existing rate of fare is insufficient to meet the operating expenses, including depreciation and taxes, on its local street car lines and afford a reasonable return upon the capital invested therein.

Applicant requests an increase over its present rate of fare to seven (7) cents, or to such sum and amount as will allow said applicant to earn a gross amount sufficient to pay

operating expenses, depreciation and taxes and a reasonable return upon the capital invested in the street car lines.

Hearings in this matter were held in Sacramento on October 8, 1927, and January 4, 1928.

During the hearings in this proceeding it was stipulated by applicant that it would accept as its rate of fare whatever fare was ordered to be put into effect by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which company was also before the Commission for an increase in fare on the street car lines in the City of Sacramento, in Application No. 13773. On July 10, 1928, the Commission, in its Decision No. 20021, granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company a seven (7) cent cash fare and four one-way tickets, or tokens, for twenty-five (25) cents. It appears that this rate of fare, if established on the Sacramento city line of applicant, will not be an unreasonable one nor will it produce to the company any revenue in excess of a reasonable earning on its capital investment devoted to the street railway service.

The following form of order is recommended:

O R D E R

Central California Traction Company having applied to this Commission for an order granting authority to increase rates of fare upon the street railway owned and operated by it in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, hearings having been held, the matter being submitted and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Central California Traction Company be and it is hereby authorized to file with the Commission and put into effect within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this order, and on not less than five (5) days' notice

to the public, for its street railway service in the City of Sacramento, the following:

A seven (7) cent fare and four one-way tickets or tokens for twenty-five (25) cents.

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

The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this proceeding as to it may seem necessary and desirable and in the public interest.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1928.

Leon Whittell

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Thos D. Lott

Commissioners.