

Decision No. 20199

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, for authority to abandon and remove freight platform at Balboa on its Newport Beach Line.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 14949

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of its Freight Platform at Balboa on its Southern Division in Orange County, and shown in orange on a blue print map (C.E.H.11355) attached to and forming a portion of the application.

Applicant alleges that said freight platform was constructed for the handling of LCL freight, but is located, however, in a locality which has developed to the extent that a freight platform is undesirable to the residents and business people; that during the year June 1, 1927, to May 31, 1928, this freight platform was not used at all for outbound shipments, and during the same period applicant handled only 26 tons of LCL freight inbound over this platform, the revenue from which amounted to only \$150.05; that applicant has had its representatives interview representative merchants in Balboa, all of whom were agreeable to removal of the freight platform and that there is attached hereto marked "Exhibit A", a letter dated July 9, 1928, from Newport Harbor Chamber of Commerce, requesting the removal of the freight

platform at the earliest possible date.

The nearest agency station is at Newport, one and eight-tenths (1.8) miles distant.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, to abandon its freight platform at Balboa, located on the Newport Line of its Southern Division in Orange County and as shown in orange on blue-print map (C.E.H. 11355) attached to the application, and to cancel all rates to and from said platform, in conformity with the rules of this Commission.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of September, 1928.

Leon A. White

C. S. Seavey

E. J. M. White

M. J. Ryan

Commissioners.