

Decision No. 20403

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)
corporation, for permission to aban-)
don passenger service on its main)
line between Huntington Beach and)
La Balsa in the County of Orange,)
State of California.)

APPLICATION NO. 14970

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has filed the above entitled application with the Commission for permission to abandon passenger service on its line from Huntington Beach and La Balsa in the County of Orange, State of California.

Applicant alleges that the only purpose of operating this passenger service was to carry passengers to and from the Holly Sugar Factory which was located at La Balsa; that this factory was abandoned as a sugar plant at the close of the season of November, 1922, and the grounds turned over to the Holly Oil Plant; that when the Holly Sugar Factory was working, petitioner operated eight (8) round trips daily during the sugar beet season, and four (4) round trips daily during the time that the sugar factory was closed; that since the abandonment of the sugar factory in 1922, four (4) round trips have been operated daily; that a check of the travel was made for the ten (10) days from May 28 to June 6, 1928, inclusive, which showed that the average travel on this line was approximately ten (10)

passengers per day; that the revenue from such operation during the year ending June 30, 1928, amounted to two hundred twenty and 87/100 dollars (\$220.87); that the direct expense of operation amounted to four thousand, one hundred two and 31/100 dollars (\$4,102.31); and, that taxes were eleven and 60/100 dollars (\$11.60), leaving an out-of-pocket loss for the year of three thousand, eight hundred ninety-three and 04/100 dollars (\$3,893.04).

Applicant does not propose to alter the freight service which is rendered at the present time.

The City of Huntington Beach has advised by letter that it has no objection to the granting of the application.

It appears to this Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that this application is reasonable and 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 passenger service on its line from Huntington Beach and La Bolsa in the County of Orange, State of California, over the route particularly described as follows:

From Huntington Beach Station at Main Street and Ocean Avenue, Huntington Beach, over Pacific Electric Railway to connection with Southern Pacific Railroad line between Huntington Beach and La Bolsa, thence northerly along Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to La Bolsa Station near Garfield Street,

and to cancel, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all rate tariffs and time schedules between the said points, provided the public is given not less than five (5) days advance notice of such change, by posting notices in all cars operated

on this line.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of October, 1928.

Leon Whitely

C. Sauney

Thos. B. Lott

M. J. Lee

Commissioners.