

Decision No. 20448.**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY)
 for permission to increase its street)
 car fares in the City of Stockton,) Application
 between all points on the Company's) No. 15056.
 line known as Sunnyside Line.)

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 for City of Stockton, Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:--

O P I N I O N

Central California Traction Company, a corporation,
 has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order granting
 authority for the placing in effect, five days after publication
 at stations and filing with this Commission, the following fare:

"Fare of 7 cents or four (4) tokens for
 twenty-five (25) cents between all points
 on street cars of Central California
 Traction Company at Stockton, California,
 known as the Sunnyside Line."

The proposed fares are intended to be published in
 Tariff C.R.C. No. 408 and will supersede and take the place of
 fares on like traffic from and to the points above named which
 are set forth in C.R.C. No. 408 on file with the Commission and
 which fares are as follows:

"Fare of 6 cents between all points on
 street cars of Central California Traction
 Company at Stockton, California, known as the
 Sunnyside Line."

A public hearing on this application was conducted by
 Examiner Handford at Stockton, the matter was duly submitted and
 is now ready for decision.

Applicant alleges as justification for the granting of the application the following circumstances and conditions:-

"Decision No. 20020, dated July 10, 1928, granted permission to the Stockton Electric Railroad Company, Stockton, Calif., to increase its street car fares from 6 cents to 7 cents or 4 tokens for 25 cents, and as our Sunnyside Line is operated in connection with the Stockton Electric Railroad it is our desire to be on an equal basis with that railroad. Our petition was not made at same time Stockton Electric Railroad made request for increase due to the fact that at that time our company had a petition before your Honorable Body to abandon our Sunnyside Line account this line not paying any returns on our investment, however, our request to abandon this line was denied and therefore we now petition your Honorable Body to increase our fares."

Central California Traction Company at one time operated a system of street cars in the City of Stockton, but in 1915 it leased, and, at a subsequent date, sold to Stockton Electric Railroad all of these car lines, with the exception of the one line involved herein, known as the Sunnyside Line, operating partly in the city and partly in the unincorporated portion of San Joaquin County. The Traction Company now operates one shuttle car, giving twenty-minute service to a semi-urban district lying northeast of the City of Stockton, and affording a transfer to the Ophir Street line of Stockton Electric Railroad to enable patrons to reach the business section of the city. At the present time a six-cent fare is in effect on this line, this fare entitling the passenger to the transfer to the Stockton Electric System. In addition to the passenger service, the track is used as the Central California Traction Company's interchange with Western Pacific Company, and also in switching certain industry spur tracks.

In Decision No. 20020, in Application No. 14593, the Commission authorized Stockton Electric Railroad Company to increase its six-cent fare to seven cents, with tokens to be sold at the price of four for twenty-five cents, this being the same fare that Central California Traction Company requests authority to put into effect in the present application.

It appears that the lines of the Traction Company and those of Stockton Electric Railroad are under the same local superintendence and operated more or less as one system. By exhibits filed it is shown that for several years the Sunnyside Line has failed to pay even the operator's wages and that the annual out-of-pocket loss for this operation is probably in excess of \$1200.

In Application No. 14159, the Traction Company requested authority to abandon service on this line but in Decision No. 19256, dated January 12, 1928, the Commission found that public necessity required the continued operation and denied the application. In that decision the Commission held that the portion of the public who depend on a non-remunerative end of a line for service should not suffer because the carrier had chosen to divest itself of the better paying portion of its system. It also found that the freight moved over this track compensated the company for losses incurred in passenger operation.

Although, by direction of the Commission, full notice of the hearing on this application was given to the public by newspaper publication and by the posting of notice in the cars operated on the line where fares are proposed to be increased, there was no appearance nor evidence protesting the application at the hearing.

We are of the opinion and hereby conclude that the rate of fare proposed by applicant will not be excessive or greater than the public should pay for the service rendered, nor will it so increase the operating revenues that the company will earn an excessive return on the property which is dedicated to this service. It is therefore believed in the public interest to authorize the rate of fare requested in the application.

We also conclude that, for the convenience of the public, the tokens issued by this company should be interchangeable with similar tokens issued by Stockton Electric Railroad Company and that the tokens of either company be accepted for transportation

on the cars of either company.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised and basing its order on the conclusions as appearing in the opinion which precedes this order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant Central California Traction Company, a corporation, be and it hereby is authorized to establish, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this order, upon not less than five (5) days' notice to this Commission and to the general public, by filing and posting tariffs in the manner prescribed in Section 14 of the Public Utilities Act, and to thereafter maintain and apply the rates and fares prescribed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Commission reserves the right to abolish, modify or change, from time to time, by supplemental order herein, the rates of fare above described and to make such further orders in this proceeding as may be deemed right and proper.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of November, 1928.

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COMMISSIONERS.

EXHIBIT "A"

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY

ONE - WAY CONTINUOUS PASSENGER FARES.

(1) One way single cash fare seven (7) cents between all points on the company's Sunnyside Line, including transfer privilege to all points on Stockton Electric Railroad Company's street car system in Stockton.

(2) Tokens or tickets, unlimited as to time of use, each entitling holder to one continuous ride with full transfer privileges to all points on Stockton Electric Railroad Company's street car system in Stockton will be offered for sale at the company office and on all cars at the price of four (4) for twenty-five (25) cents.