

Decision No. 20469.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
and SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for
authority to discontinue operation
of passenger trains on their so-
called Ocean View Line between San
Francisco and San Bruno, during
the progress of construction work
in the Bernal-Cut project in San
Francisco.

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Application No. 15128.

W. H. Hobbs, for Applicants,
S. D. Leipsic, for City and County
of San Francisco.
D. P. Scudder, for Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, and Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, request permission to discontinue operation of passenger trains on their so-called Ocean View Line, between San Francisco and San Bruno, during the progress of construction work in the Bernal Cut project in the City and County of San Francisco.

A public hearing in this matter, before Examiner Satterwhite, was held on November 5th, 1928, in San Francisco.

The City and County of San Francisco proposes to construct and improve a public highway between San Jose Avenue and Randall Street, along or upon a portion of the existing right of way of applicants, through what is known as Bernal Cut. The applicants' tracks are to be moved northerly from their present position. All

of which is shown on applicants' Exhibit No. 1

On account of the heavy excavation involved, the work can be carried on more expeditiously and economically if train service is discontinued and the tracks removed.

The present passenger service on this line consists of one passenger train in each direction between San Francisco and San Bruno for six days per week, with no service on Sundays. It was testified at the hearing that, for the year ending September 30th, 1928, no passengers were handled on the southbound train and that, on the average, only thirty-three (33) passengers were handled per day on the northbound train.

It appears that the City of San Francisco could arrange its construction work so that no abandonment of passenger train service would be necessary, but the maintenance costs of such operation would be excessive and it would also delay construction.

The only objection to the discontinuance of said passenger service was presented by Mt. Olivet Cemetery. By the discontinuance of this passenger service, they will be deprived of express deliveries. Applicants have advised the Commission that arrangements have been made with Southern Pacific Motor Coach Company to handle all American Railway Express Company's express business between Third Street Station, San Francisco, and Colma, San Mateo County. It is at the Colma Station that Mt. Olivet Cemetery receives or sends its express shipments. This arrangement became effective November 15, 1928. It appears that this arrangement will satisfy the above objection.

It appears to the Commission, from a review of the evidence, that the discontinuance of the operation of passenger trains on the so-called Ocean View Line would greatly facilitate the construction of the Bernal Cut project and that the traveling public will be very slightly inconvenienced, and that the applica-

tion should be granted.

ORDER

This application having been duly filed, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Southern Pacific Railroad Company and Southern Pacific Company to discontinue the operation of passenger train service upon its so-called Ocean View Line between San Francisco and San Bruno during the progress of construction work in the Bernal Cut project in the City and County of San Francisco, subject to the condition that, upon the completion of the Bernal Cut project, said passenger train service will immediately be re-established and this Commission notified.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of November, 1928.

C. C. Seaver

Thomas S. Lovell

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Commissioners.