

Decision No. 20856

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of Application of
PACIFIC COAST RAILWAY COMPANY, a
corporation, for leave and per-
mission to discontinue service on
and to abandon and remove approx-
imately 2,320 lineal feet of its
trackage and all of its property
from the right of way of the
Southern Pacific Company, at
Guadalupe Station, California;

AND,

In the Matter of Application of
PACIFIC COAST RAILWAY COMPANY, a
corporation, for a certificate of
public convenience and necessity
to operate a motor vehicle service
between the town of Guadalupe and
the City of Santa Maria, Santa
Barbara County, California, and
intermediate stations, as common
carrier of passengers and their
baggage, in substitution for and
supplementing the electric railway
line now operated by said applicant
between said town of Guadalupe and
said City of Santa Maria.

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Application No. 15288.

Mr. Edwin T. Cooper, and Chas. T. White, by
C. L. Preisker, for Applicant.

Mr. Paul Durker, for Durker Stage Lines.

Shaeffer and Welden by Fred A. Shaeffer, for
Harry Harper.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Pacific Coast Railway Company requests permission to abandon and remove approximately 2,320 lineal feet of its trackage and all its property from the right-of-way of Southern Pacific Company at Guadalupe Station, Santa Barbara County, and asks

for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a motor vehicle service between the Town of Guadalupe and the City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Rowell on February 6, 1929, at Santa Maria.

The tracks proposed to be abandoned are located on the station reservation of Southern Pacific Company at Guadalupe. The use of this property by the applicant is provided for by an agreement, dated April 1, 1913, entered into between applicant and Southern Pacific Company. In this agreement Southern Pacific Company reserves the right, by giving thirty days notice, to require applicant to vacate Southern Pacific Company's property. Such notice was given on October 27, 1928. In compliance with the request of Southern Pacific Company, this application was filed. Applicant has also filed an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon such tracks.

The railway of applicant is narrow gauge. Though the portion of the line which applicant seeks to abandon is adjacent to the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, there is no physical connection between the two carriers, and all freight must be transferred. The removal of this trackage will merely necessitate the transfer of freight at another point on Southern Pacific Company's right-of-way, and will in no way reduce the service now rendered between Guadalupe and Santa Maria. The volume of such freight traffic is insignificant. The applicant will continue the operation of the remaining portion of its line between Santa Maria and Guadalupe for the carriage of freight and passengers.

It is their proposal to reduce the passenger service to one trip each way per school day for the carriage of school children. A

motor stage service is now being rendered between these points by Harry Harper. Subsequent to the filing of this application, an agreement has been entered into between the applicant, and Harry Harper, whereby the applicant would acquire all the operating rights now held by Harry Harper operating under the name of Santa Maria-Guadalupe Stage Line, subject to this Commission's approval. The applicant therefore requests that that portion of the application, asking for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate motor vehicle service between Guadalupe and Santa Maria, be dismissed. Proper application will be filed requesting a transfer of the rights of Harry Harper to applicant.

It is proposed by applicant to handle all the passenger and express service between Guadalupe and Santa Maria by motor stage, except one trip each way per day on school days by its electric car for the carriage of school children between Guadalupe and Santa Maria.

Testimony indicates that the amount of traffic offered does not warrant the continued full operation of both the railroad and the motor stage and, furthermore, that the motor stage would amply care for the passenger traffic except that of the transportation of school children.

From the testimony it appears that applicant should be granted permission to remove its tracks and property from the property of Southern Pacific Company at Guadalupe and it will be so ordered.

O R D E R

The Pacific Coast Railway Company having made application for permission to abandon its tracks, located on the property of Southern Pacific Company at the station of Guadalupe, Santa Barbara County, and asking for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a motor vehicle service between the Town of Guadalupe

and the City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for decision, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and the same is hereby granted to Pacific Coast Railway Company to remove approximately two thousand three hundred twenty (2,320) lineal feet of its track and all of its property from the right-of-way of Southern Pacific Company at the station of Guadalupe, County of Santa Barbara, State of California.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that permission and authority be and the same is hereby granted to Pacific Coast Railway Company to reduce its passenger train service between Guadalupe and the City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, to one train each way per day during school days, and to modify, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, time schedules between said points, subject, however, to the conditions that upon the reduction of said service a substitute bus service will be provided to the public and that the public will be given at least five days' notice of such changes by posting notice on trains and in stations affected.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a motor vehicle service between the Town of Guadalupe and the City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, be and the same is hereby dismissed.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of

March, 1929.

David L. Lewis
Francis C. [unclear]
Leon [unclear]
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 Commissioners.