

Decision No. 21094

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
Pacific Electric Railway Company) Application No. 15547
for authority to reduce service on)
its Santa Monica Air Line.)

Frank Karr and R.E. Wedekind by R.E. Wedekind,
for Applicant.

R.F. Ball, for Board of Public Utilities and
Transportation, City of Los Angeles.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

C O P I N I O N

Pacific Electric Railway Company request permission to discontinue certain service on its so-called Santa Monica Air Line, which, at the request of the City of Los Angeles, was inaugurated on March 1, 1929 for a trial period of 30 days, and to revert to the service which it was extending prior to that time.

A public hearing has been had before Commissioner Carr and the matter is now under submission and ready for decision.

The additional service given during March and continued during April resulted in an increased out of pocket expense to the company of approximately \$2,000.00 per month which should be compared with the total revenue of the line for March and April or between \$400.00 and \$500.00 per month.

E.R. Vancott, an owner of property in the section served by this line, stated that the value of his property and

that of his neighbors was lessened by the fact that there is not more frequent service on the line. While this is doubtless true, the Commission would hardly be justified in requiring the company to continue operating what is obviously a very unprofitable line with the full service given during experimental period referred to at the decided and substantial out of pocket loss which the additional service entails.

I recommend that the application be granted and that the following form of order be authorized.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to discontinue the operation of certain of its passenger trains on its so-called Santa Monica Air Line as requested in Application No. 13347, subject, however, to the condition that the public be given at least five (5) days' notice of such change by posting notices of such change in all cars operating over said line and at all stations affected.

The effective date of this order is hereby fixed as twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of May, 1929.

George S. Lunt
James H. Smith
Leon A. Whipple
W. A. C.
Commissioners.