

Decision No. 21486

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application of the Pacific Electric Railway Company to discontinue operation of the Orange Empire Trolley Trip between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Redlands via San Bernardino and Riverside in the State of California. )

Application No. 15819

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C.W. Cornell, for the Applicant,  
Thurman Clarke, for City of Los Angeles,  
interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

The Pacific Electric Railway Company has petitioned the Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of its "Orange Empire Trolley Trip" between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Redlands via San Bernardino and Riverside.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Cannon at Los Angeles on August 15, 1929, at which time the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant has been operating for a number of years a personally conducted sight-seeing trolley trip known as the "Orange Empire Trolley Trip" leaving Los Angeles on Wednesdays and Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and visiting the Cities of Riverside, San Bernardino and Redlands.

Applicant's witness testified that this personally conducted sight-seeing trolley trip, when first inaugurated on a daily schedule, was profitable, but, subsequently, with the increased use of the private automobile, together with the increase in the number

of sight-seeing companies, revenues diminished to a point where it was necessary to reduce the schedule to two trips weekly; namely, the present service, which was conducted at a profit until a year or more ago. He further testified that the trip at the present time is being operated at a financial loss and circumstances do not justify its further operation; that no future material increase in travel may reasonably be anticipated; that the actual out-of-pocket loss for the period July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1929, inclusive, was \$1,085.25.; that the route traversed by the "Orange Empire Trolley Trip" is at present adequately served by applicant's regular passenger service and that the discontinuance of this trip will not result in any material inconvenience to the travelling public.

Applicant has arranged that, if the discontinuance of this trip is authorized, any prospective passenger desiring a personally conducted tour over the Orange Empire route will be referred to the Tanner Motor Tours, which company conducts sight-seeing trips daily during the heavy tourist season and three times weekly during the balance of the season over the identical territory now visited by the "Orange Empire Trolley Trip".

From the record herein, we are of the opinion and hereby conclude that the continued operation of the so-called "Orange Empire Trolley Trip" herein proposed to be discontinued is not justified by the patronage offered by the travelling public in that the continuing decreases in revenue in comparison to the operating costs place an undue and unwarranted burden on applicant and its patrons in the continued maintenance of the unprofitable sight-seeing trip.

#### ORDER

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter being duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and

