

Decision No. ~~21546~~ 21546

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of Key System Transit Company, a corporation, to abandon its street car line now operating between East Fourteenth Street and Pacific Tank and Pipe Company, in the County of Alameda, State of California.

Application No. 15708.

In the Matter of Application of Southern Pacific Company for an order authorizing the abandonment and removal of certain portions of tracks having an aggregate total length of approximately 3,341 feet at Sather Station, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California.

Application No. 15728.

Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison, by James S. Moore, Jr., and Frank S. Richards, for Applicant in Application No. 15708.

H. W. Hobbs for Applicant in Application No. 15728.

A. N. Nelson, Deputy City Attorney, for the City of Oakland, Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In Application No. 15708, Key System Transit Company requests permission to discontinue street car service over tracks owned by Southern Pacific Company between East Fourteenth Street and Pacific Tank and Pipe Company within the City of Oakland, and as shown on the map attached to the application and submitted as Exhibit No. 1.

In Application No. 15728 Southern Pacific Company re-

quests permission to remove certain tracks in the vicinity of Sather Station, City of Oakland, at locations as shown by the map attached to the application.

A public hearing was held in these matters before Examiner Williams at Oakland on August 26, 1929. By stipulation these proceedings were consolidated for hearing and decision.

In the service between East Fourteenth Street and Pacific Tank and Pipe Company's plant, Key System Transit Company operates one round trip in the morning and one round trip in the afternoon on week days, one round trip in the morning on Saturdays and no service is rendered on Sundays. This service is maintained primarily for the benefit of the employees of Pacific Tank and Pipe Company, whose plant is located at the end of the line or approximately nine-tenths of a mile south of East Fourteenth Street. No freight service is maintained.

The results of operation are shown on Exhibits 5 and 6, which indicate that Key System Transit Company sustains a loss of over \$1000.00 per year.

The traffic check on this street car operation, made in August, 1929, indicates that an average of eight passengers per trip are carried to Pacific Tank and Pipe Company's plant and an average of thirty-six per trip are carried from the plant (Exhibit No. 4). From this it appears that a majority of the patrons use other means of transportation to reach the plant in the morning.

In the event this service is abandoned, the nearest available public transportation will be the electric suburban

service of Southern Pacific Company with its nearest station, Sather, approximately over a half-mile distant. The nearest Key System line would be East Fourteenth Street, approximately nine-tenths of a mile distant.

By Application No. 15728 Southern Pacific Company proposes, in addition to other trackage, to abandon and remove a portion of the track being used by Key System Transit Company. It is the purpose of Southern Pacific Company to re-arrange its trackage in the vicinity of the plant of Pacific Tank and Pipe Company to facilitate switching and reduce switch movements across its main lines. By the re-arrangement Southern Pacific Company will eliminate crossing seven main line tracks at Fulton Street and one highway crossing. The changes will facilitate switching to all industries by leads from the main or branch tracks without crossing the main lines, where there is service under a ten minute headway.

No one appeared to protest the granting of these applications.

It appears to the Commission that public convenience and necessity do not warrant the continued operation of street car service between East Fourteenth Street and Pacific Tank and Pipe Company's plant by Key System Transit Company (Application No. 15708) and that Southern Pacific Company should be granted permission to remove its tracks as proposed in Application No. 15728.

O R D E R

Key System Transit Company by Application No. 15708, having made application to abandon its street car service between East Fourteenth Street and Pacific Tank and Pipe Company, in the County of Alameda, and Southern Pacific Company by Application No. 15728, having made application to abandon and remove certain tracks in the vicinity of Sather Station in the City of Oakland, as hereinafter shown, 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 Key System Transit Company to abandon its street car service between East Fourteenth Street and Pacific Tank and Pipe Company in the City of Oakland, the route of which is shown on Exhibit 1 filed with Application No. 15708, provided however, that the traveling public will be given five (5) days' notice by posting notices in the cars operating on or transferring passengers to above mentioned route, and at Sather Station.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Southern Pacific Company to abandon and remove certain portions of its tracks in the vicinity of Sather Station, City of Oakland, at locations as shown in yellow on the map (Western Division Drawing No. S-577)

attached to and made a part of the application, provided however, that the switching service to the adjacent industries will not be impaired.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of September, 1929.

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Commissioners.