

Decision No. 22548

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 LOS ANGELES RAILWAY CORPORATION for) Application No. 16578
 certain exceptions to General Order)
 No. 86.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

ORIGINALOPINION and ORDER

This is an application by Los Angeles Railway Corporation for an order of the Commission granting it certain exceptions from the requirements of General Order No. 86, to wit:

- 1- Excepted from complying with Rule 1, paragraph (b) relative to windshield wipers, between the 1st day of June and the 30th day of September, inclusive, of each year.
- 2- Excepted from complying with the provisions of Rule 2(c) insofar as such rule prohibits openings for ventilators which are in direct line of air stream from side louvers in engine hood.
- 3- Excepted from complying with the provisions of Rule 12, insofar as said rule prohibits the carriage of passengers upon any portion of a vehicle forward of the back of the driver's seat.
- 4- Excepted from complying with the provisions of Rule 18 relative to station facilities.

Exception No. 1 is sought on the ground that during the period named windshield wipers are not required, and it has been the practice of applicant to remove the blades during such time to prevent theft.

Exception No. 2 is sought on the ground that some of applicant's motor coaches are constructed with the rear end of the hood so close to the windshield that cowl ventilators providing a cool stream of air around the driver's feet cannot be installed, and in lieu thereof, ventilators are installed to the left of the driver's feet. Applicant declares that such

a ventilator has been in use for several years and provides the necessary ventilation, and has been a source of no trouble from engine odors.

Exception No.3 is sought on the ground that on certain single-deck motor coaches operated by applicant the right-hand front seat is separated from the driver's seat by an aisle and that to comply with the provisions of Rule 13 it would be necessary to remove all seats on said motor coaches forward of the back of the driver's seat which removal would cause a material reduction of the carrying capacity of said motor coaches and would result in a large amount of wasted space upon said motor coaches.

Exception No.4 is sought on the ground that as applicant's service is largely, if not wholly urban in nature, maintenance of station facilities and rest rooms are not necessary.

Applicant also asks for an order of the Commission approving the size and type of fire extinguisher used on applicant's equipment.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the exceptions sought herein be and the same are hereby granted to Los Angeles Railway Corporation, subject to the following conditions:

That applicant be excepted from complying with the provisions of Rule 2(e) only in such cases as each individual bus is not equipped with ventilators on top of the cowl and, further, that it is not possible to install ventilators on top of the cowl. Also, that where, for the above reasons the vents are permitted in the sides and in line with the air stream from the side louvers of the engine hood the door covering for these vent openings must be hinged toward the front end of the bus and, further, that such door covering to the vent opening must be mechanically restricted from opening outward at an angle greater than 45 degrees from its closed position.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the type and size of fire extinguisher used by applicant, as described herein, be and the same is hereby approved.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of June, 1930.

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COMMISSIONERS.