

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 22810.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY to
discontinue passenger service on its
line between the Cities of Santa Ana
and Orange, in Orange County,
California.

Application No. 16689.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company filed the above entitled application on the 25th day of June, 1930, seeking permission to discontinue passenger service on its line between the Cities of Santa Ana and Orange in Orange County, California.

Applicant states that it is now and for some years past has been operating a local rail passenger service between the Cities of Santa Ana and Orange; that by Decision No. 22286 of this Commission applicant has recently acquired ownership of two-thirds of the capital stock of the Motor Transit Company, operating various motor coach lines in Southern California and particularly a line between the Cities of Orange and Santa Ana and that such line parallels the local rail service of applicant between these points.

It is alleged that the present service of applicant and Motor Transit Company between Santa Ana and Orange provides a duplication which is unwarranted and unnecessary to properly

handle the volume of traffic moving by public transportation between these points; that the operations of applicant are conducted at an out-of-pocket loss of approximately \$4,300.00 annually and that a further operating saving through reduced cost of operation of an interlocking plant at the crossing of applicant's rail line with the line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company will be possible.

Applicant proposes to discontinue its local rail passenger service coincident with the filing of a revised schedule of service by the Motor Transit Company to augment the service with that company between Santa Ana and Orange, said increased schedule being marked Exhibit "D" and attached to the application. Applicant alleges that the rates and fares in effect on both Pacific Electric Railway Company and Motor Transit Company between the City of Santa Ana and the City of Orange are substantially the same in the territory traversed by the two lines.

Applicant expects to be able to secure the consent of the City of Santa Ana and the City of Orange to the discontinuance of this service.

The Commission is of the opinion, following consideration of the allegations of applicant and a report of its Engineering Department, that the proposed substitution of motor coach service for rail service between Santa Ana and Orange is in the public interest; that it will not impair the public transportation service between the Cities of Santa Ana and Orange; that it will enable applicant to make an operating saving through the abandonment of rail service which is being operated at a direct loss and that the application should be granted by ex parte order, providing

that applicant files the consent of the City of Santa Ana and the City of Orange; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to discontinue its passenger service between the Cities of Santa Ana and Orange, in Orange County, along the route shown by yellow lines on Exhibit "E" (Drawing No. CEE 12552) attached to the application, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Coincident with the abandonment of said service an augmented motor coach service shall be provided by Motor Transit Company along the route shown by green lines on Exhibit "E" and with a schedule substantially as shown by Exhibit "E" attached to said application.

(2) The written consent of the City of Santa Ana and the City of Orange to the proposed abandonment of rail service shall be secured and filed with the Commission.

(3) Ten (10) days' notice, prior to the discontinuance of rail service, shall be given the public by means of notices posted in the cars and at the stations on the rail line between Santa Ana and Orange.

(4) In the event substantial complaint develops as a result of the proposed discontinuance of passenger rail service, applicant shall continue to operate the present service pending a hearing and decision by the Commission.

(5) No physical facilities of applicant on this line shall be abandoned.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to cancel all passenger fare tariffs

applicable to the rail service, to be effective coincident with the discontinuance of rail service.

The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this matter as to it may seem right and proper.

This order shall become effective with the filing of the consent of the Cities of Santa Ana and Orange to the proposed discontinuance of rail service with the Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of June, 1930.

P. S. Seaman

W. B. Smith

M. A. Curran

Commissioners.