

Decision No. 23547

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
PASADENA-OCEAN PARK STAGE LINE, INC.,
to Abandon Service Between Pasadena
and Switzer's Relay.

Application No. 17223

Richard T. Eddy, for Applicant.

L. A. Diether, Deputy City Attorney, for
City of Pasadena, Interested Party.

W. R. Dunkerley, for Pasadena Chamber of
Commerce, Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant corporation seeks herein from the Railroad Commission authority to abandon its service between Pasadena and Switzer's Relay, a mountain resort 18 miles from the city.

A public hearing thereon was conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

The service sought to be abandoned was established by applicant's predecessors, Webb & Hendricks, under authority of Decision No. 6618 on Application No. 4864, dated August 29, 1919, and was duly transferred to applicant by Decision No. 17544 on Application No. 13174, dated October 29, 1926. Originally, a daily service with profitable patronage, it gradually declined until its schedule was reduced to service on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only. For a time this service was self-sustaining, but in the last three years there has been a gradual decline, until, for more than two years, according to the testimony of Don C. Campbell, manager of applicant, it has sustained out-of-pocket loss. Mr. Campbell stated that the private automobile

and the tendency of the public to seek resorts farther away in their own cars had caused the diminution of patronage.

Figures presented by applicant for the year ending January 31, 1931, showed gross revenue to be \$991.15, while out-of-pocket costs amounted to \$1272.94, a loss of \$281.79. Approximately the same loss occurred in the preceding year.

The proprietor of Switzer's Camp, L. B. Austin, was present at the hearing and stated that neither he nor J. R. Phillips, proprietor of Oak Wild, the other resort served, could oppose the discontinuance of service because of the lack of patronage. The City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce also withdrew all objection.

In view of the facts above stated, it appears hopeless to expect any increase of patronage that would justify us in further burdening applicant with out-of-pocket losses which it has already borne in anticipation of better patronage. As this operation is not consolidated with any of applicant's other rights it should be abandoned and the certificate authorizing it revoked. Such an order accordingly will be entered.

ORDER

PASADENA-OCEAN PARK STAGE LINE, INC. having made application to abandon automobile stage service for the transportation of passengers between Pasadena and Switzer's Relay, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be, and he hereby is authorized to discontinue and abandon said service on April 15, 1931, subject to the following conditions:

Applicant shall post printed or typewritten notice of discontinuance in its Pasadena terminal and at Switzer's Relay and in the vehicle operated in said service at least five (5) days

before April 15, 1931, and shall file with this Commission cancellation of its tariffs and time schedules, effective April 15, 1931; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Decision No. 6618 on Application No. 4864, dated August 29, 1919, be, and the same hereby is revoked and annulled.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of March, 1931.

C. J. Leary
Leon Caldwell
M. J. Lee
W. B. Harris
Fred G. Stewart.
Commissioners.