

Decision No. 23808

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COM-)
PANY for certain exceptions from) APPLICATION NO. 17378
General Order No. 83, relative)
to its motor coach operations.)

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BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Electric Railway Company asks the Commission to make its order exempting applicant from the provisions of General Order No. 83 covering the filing and posting of time schedules by automotive passenger stage corporations, in connection with certain of its motor coach operations. The provisions of General Order No. 83 from which exemption is sought read as follows:

- (1) "every passenger stage corporation," as that term is defined in the Public Utilities Act of the State of California, operating any passenger stage within this state, shall file its time schedules with the Railroad Commission of the State of California,"---
- (2) "before any change in time of arrival or departure of any such passenger stages shall be made, notice of such change shall be filed with the Railroad Commission and posted in all depots of said automotive passenger stage lines at least five (5) days prior to the effective date of said proposed new time schedule,"---
- (3) "all such automotive passenger stages, when proposing a change in service resulting in the elimination of schedules and consequent reduction in service, shall, in a letter of transmittal to the Railroad Commission, submitting said proposed new time schedule, list the schedule or schedules

proposed to be eliminated and set forth the reasons for such proposed reduction in service, shall post a copy of said proposed new time schedule in its stage depots and file said schedule with the Railroad Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of the proposed new schedule,"--.

Applicant requests exemption from the provisions of General Order No. 83, except the second paragraph thereof, in connection with the following motor coach lines:

- (1) Annandale-Avenue 64-Hermon Motor Coach Line.
- (2) Alhambra Local Motor Coach Lines.
- (3) Altadena Local Motor Coach Line.
- (4) Emery Park Motor Coach Line.
- (5) Glendale Local Motor Coach Lines
- (6) Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Motor Coach Line.
- (7) North Hollywood Motor Coach Line.
- (8) Pasadena-Flintridge Motor Coach Line.
- (9) Pasadena Local Motor Coach Lines.
- (10) San Dimas Local Motor Coach Line.
- (11) South Pasadena-Alhambra-Monterey Park Line.
- (12) Upland-Ontario Motor Coach Line.
- (13) Upland-San Antonio Heights Motor Coach Line.
- (14) Ventura Boulevard Motor Coach Line.
- (15) Hollywood-University-Ocean Park Motor Coach Line.

It is claimed that it is not practical for applicant to observe the provisions of General Order No. 83, as to notice of change and posting; that because of its operating methods and the type of service given, service changes should be made immediately and without the loss of time entailed by observance of General Order No. 83. Many of the motor coach lines are operated largely in conjunction and coordination with the rail service of applicant, and there is accordingly need of greater flexibility in the adjustment of service

than is required for interurban passenger stage lines, particularly for those lines whose operations are urban in character.

After an investigation by members of the Commission's staff, and a conference with officials of applicant company, we are of the opinion that, in so far as certain of its operations are concerned, listed in the order herein, this application should be granted. As to the others, this application will be denied, it appearing that they are interurban in character. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary. Therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company be, and it is, hereby granted exemption from only those provisions of General Order No. 83 covering notice of change in time schedules and posting of notice of said changes, on the following routes:

Annandale-Avenue 64-Hermon Motor Coach Line,
Alhambra Local Motor Coach Lines,
Altadena Local Motor Coach Line,
Emery Park Motor Coach Line,
Glendale Local Motor Coach Lines,
Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Motor Coach Line,
Pasadena Local Motor Coach Lines,

provided that applicant shall file a time schedule cancelling time schedules covering said routes now on file with the Railroad Commission, which time schedules shall show, under the routes for which exemption is granted by this order, the approximate time of operation of said routes.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the exemption sought for the following routes be, and the same is, hereby denied:

North Hollywood Motor Coach Line.
Pasadena-Flintridge Motor Coach Line.
San Dimas Local Motor Coach Line.
South Pasadena-Alhambra-Monterey Park Line.
Upland-Ontario Motor Coach Line.

Upland-San Antonio Heights Motor Coach Line

Ventura Boulevard Motor Coach Line.

Hollywood-University-Ocean Park Motor Coach Line.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this order of exemption shall not be construed as authority to in any way alter, diminish or enlarge the certificates of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted by this Commission authorizing operation of the routes herein described.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of

June, 1931.

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L. W. Swanson

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Commissioners.