

Decision No. 23809

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY)
and LOS ANGELES RAILWAY CORPORATION)
for certain exceptions from General)
Order No. 83, relative to the)
operations of Los Angeles Motor)
Coach Company.)

APPLICATION NO. 17379

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BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION AND ORDER

The above entitled and numbered proceeding is an application by Pacific Electric Railway Company and Los Angeles Railway Corporation, operating bus lines under authority of this Commission under the name of Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, for an order of the Commission exempting applicants from certain provisions of General Order No. 83 which requires automotive passenger stage corporations to file time schedules, and to obtain from the Commission authority to change such schedules.

It is the contention of applicants that the nature of the operations conducted by them under the name of Los Angeles Motor Coach Company is such that the notice of change in schedules required by said General Order No. 83 is not practical, inasmuch as said operations, in the main, are of the street-car type, urban in character, and operated on a headway, rather than on a schedule basis. Changes required to meet peak-hour conditions must be made immediately and without delay. Further, applicants point out, they do not maintain depots at which may be posted the notices of schedule changes as required by General Order No. 83.

General Order No. 83 reads, in part, 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,"---

After an investigation, the exemption sought herein was made the subject of a conference between officials representing the applicants and members of the Commission's staff. The investigation indicates that the request of applicants is reasonable and the exemption justified by operating conditions. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary. Therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Pacific Electric Railway Company and Los Angeles Railway Corporation, operating as Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, be, and they are, hereby exempted from only those provisions of General Order No. 83 requiring notices of change in schedules and posting of said notices in depots, provided that said Los Angeles Motor Coach Company shall file with the Commission a time schedule which shall cancel all time schedules on file in the Company's name with the Railroad

Commission, and shall show, under the names of the various routes operated, the approximate hours of operation of each route, subject to the following conditions:

1. The order herein shall not be construed as authority to make any change in the operative rights under which the motor coach service is operated, with particular reference to the territory served and the days on which said service is to be performed.

2. The authority herein granted shall not be construed as authority to deviate from the requirements of General Order No. 83 where the operations involved are interurban in character.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of

August, 1931.

Chas. J. ...
Leon ...
W. J. ...
M. B. ...
Fred G. ...
Commissioners.