

Decision No. 15588.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PEERLESS STAGES, INC., a corporation,)
for abandonment of service to and) Application
from Menlo Park, San Lorenzo, and) No. 18413.
Leidig, California.)

Harry A. Encell for Applicant.

Don Leidig for certain residents of
San Lorenzo and Leidig, Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Peerless Stages, Inc. has made application for an order authorizing the discontinuance of its service between San Lorenzo Junction and Mt. Eden via San Lorenzo and Leidig and also between Palo Alto and Menlo Park as authorized by Decision No. 21853, dated December 2, 1929, on Application No. 15764. The discontinuances sought are a part of applicant's general operations between Oakland and Palo Alto via San Lorenzo or Hayward and Dumbarton Bridge.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Handford at San Lorenzo, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

The operation between San Lorenzo Junction and Mt. Eden is one of three routes used by applicant in the conduct of its business between Oakland and Centerville. The main operation is between Oakland and Palo Alto is not conducted via San Lorenzo and Leidig, only one schedule daily being maintained from and to these two points. The service between Palo Alto and Menlo Park duplicates more frequent service of other carriers and has not received any appreciable amount of patronage. During the six months ending June 30, 1932, only 136 passengers had been carried to or from San Lorenzo, Leidig and Menlo Park. During the period from

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October 15 to November 30, 1932, but 34 passengers were transported. The operation between Oakland and Palo Alto has for nearly two years been conducted at a substantial loss. The elimination of the three points where traffic is light is claimed to be necessary to maintain the remainder of the operation. However, should business conditions improve applicant is willing to restore service.

The application was protested by residents of San Lorenzo and Leidig on the ground that if the route via San Lorenzo were abandoned there would be no public service of any character. There were no protests against the abandonment of service between Palo Alto and Menlo Park. From a careful consideration of the record and consideration of the losses sustained in the operation and the meager patronage afforded by the communities affected, it appears that the application should be granted. This order will permit abandonment until further order of the Commission.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Peerless Stages, Inc., a corporation, be and the same is hereby authorized to abandon its service between Palo Alto and Menlo Park and to temporarily discontinue until the further order of this Commission its service to and from Menlo Park, San Lorenzo and Leidig, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall post notice at least five (5) days before abandonment at its terminal stations and in vehicles used by them of the date of discontinuance.

2. Applicant shall file supplement to tariffs, canceling same and shall withdraw and cancel time schedules within twenty (20) days from date hereof covering operations authorized to be abandoned.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day
of January 1933.

Cl. Seaver
Leon C. Whissey
M. A. Cunn
W. B. Haver
Walter H. Haver
Commissioners.