

Decision No. 25960.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
STOCKTON ELECTRIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
a corporation, for an Order authoriz-
ing the discontinuance of maintaining
street car service on Vine Street, in
the City of Stockton, County of San
Joaquin, State of California.

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Application No. 18794.

Levinsky & Jones, by T. B. Quinn,
for Applicant.

C. A. Grant, Assistant City Attorney, and
Walter B. Hogan, City Manager,
for City of Stockton.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding authority is sought to discontinue street car operation on Vine Street, between Eldorado Street and Madison Street, in the City of Stockton, and thereafter abandon the track and overhead facilities. A public hearing was conducted in this matter before Examiner Hunter at Stockton, April 21, 1933.

On March 12, 1933, applicant made certain route changes in the operation of its street cars in the City of Stockton. Previous to this time the line on Vine Street was part of a down town operation but subsequent thereto service on Vine Street has been provided through the operation of a single Birney Car which shuttles between a connection with the down town line at Vine and Eldorado Streets and the end of the line at Vine and Madison Streets.

The length of the line is slightly less than a quarter of a mile, or three city blocks. A twelve-minute service is provided between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. The district served is a well built up residential section of the city.

The record shows that the direct out-of-pocket cost of performing this service, which includes platform labor and power, amounts to about \$250 per month, and the collection from revenue passengers amounts to \$50 per month. On the average fifty passengers are carried on this line per day during the fourteen hours of operation, one half of which are revenue and the remainder transfer passengers.

Applicant proposes, upon the abandonment of the service, to remove the track and overhead facilities and restore the pavement along this single track section with a surface of like character to that of the remainder of the street, which is oil macadam.

With the abandonment of the Vine Street line, the district will still be provided with fairly good street car service as the so-called Tuxedo line operates to the east and north of this section and the Poplar Street line to the south and west. At no point are these lines as much as a mile apart.

The Commission's engineers, in a study of applicant's operations in connection with a rate proceeding in 1927, recommended the abandonment of this operation on Vine Street.

No opposition developed to the granting of this application. The only request made by the City was that upon removal of the track, applicant be required to restore the pavement to the standard of the remainder of the street.

The record in this proceeding clearly indicates that

this application should be granted and the Order will so provide.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding and the matter being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Stockton Electric Railroad Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue service on Vine Street, between Eldorado and Madison Streets, in the City of Stockton, and thereafter remove the track and overhead facilities, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public not less than three (3) days' advance notice of the abandonment of service authorized herein by posting notices in the car or cars operated on said Vine Street line and connecting line on Eldorado Street.
- (2) Upon the removal of the track along Vine Street, applicant shall restore that section of the street lying between lines two feet outside the rails with a pavement or improvement of like character to that of the remainder of the street.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of May, 1933.

O. S. Leavelle
Leon Williams
W. A. Lee
W. B. Harris
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Commissioners.