

Decision 11364

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for authority to abandon and remove its railroad track in the City of Los Angeles - Brush Canyon Line from Franklin Avenue to end of line.

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Application No. 7931.

R. C. Gortner for Applicant.

John R. Heflin, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment of service and the removal of track on the so-called Brush Canyon line of its system located in the City of Los Angeles and extending from a point in its Franklin Avenue line, between Bronson and Tamarind Avenues in the City of Los Angeles, and extending northerly to the end of the line in the County of Los Angeles, together with sidings and cross-overs, all as more fully shown on a map, marked M.W. 1056-1, filed as Exhibit "A" and made a part of the application herein.

A public hearing on the above entitled application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles, the matter was duly

submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant alleges that there exists no business in sufficient volume to justify the continued maintenance and operation of the tracks herein sought to be abandoned and that there is no prospect, within a reasonable time, of developing a sufficient amount of business to justify the operation.

From the evidence herein it appears that the track was originally constructed for the purpose of serving a rock crusher and that in addition to the hauling of the product of the rock crusher a passenger service was given by operating a car from the Franklin Avenue terminal to a point about 300 feet south of the rock crusher. The passenger service was discontinued during the month of August, 1919. The last freight service was given during the year 1921 and since that time the products of the rock crusher have moved by motor truck.

It appears that it is now impossible to move standard freight cars over the line proposed to be abandoned, even if shipments were to be offered, a building having been constructed which interferes with the clearance required to move cars from Franklin Avenue to the Brush Canyon Line, and the connecting curve being of such radius that standard freight cars cannot be moved over same without the use of a connecting bar as a coupler, a practice forbidden by the Federal Safety Appliance Act.

No evidence was offered in protest against the proposed abandonment, and in view of all the evidence and circumstances of which the Commission is now fully advised the application should be granted.

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

being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of December, 1922.

H. V. Brundage
James Watson
Charles Lawrence

Commissioners.