

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application
of WM. G. HENSHAW to exercise rights
and privileges heretofore granted by
the city of Rialto, San Bernardino
county, California, to the Crescent
City Railway Company to complete con-
struction and operate an electric
railway.

Application No. 1011.

H. L. Carnahan, for Applicant.

LOVELAND, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

This application is brought under the provisions of
Section 50-A of the Public Utilities Act.

The application shows that applicant is a railroad corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California and incorporated for the purpose of building and operating a line of railroad from a point in the city of Riverside, county of Riverside, State of California, to the cement plant of the Riverside Portland Cement Company near Crestmore, California, and thence in a westerly direction towards the city of Los Angeles in said state; that under proper franchises from the city of Riverside, granted previous to the effective date of the Public Utilities Act, applicant constructed and operated such line of railroad from the city of Riverside along the course indicated in said franchise to the unincorporated village of Bloomington, in San Bernardino county, California; that thereafter, on the 13th day of April, 1910, applicant transferred all said railroad and its appurtenances to Wm. G. Henshaw, who has since been and now is sole and exclusive owner thereof, although the road has continued to be operated under the name of

the Crescent City Railway Company; that in 1912, applicant applied to the city of Rialto, a municipal corporation, in the county of San Bernardino, California, for a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a single or double track, street or inter-urban railroad, in whole or in part for the period of fifty years over and along a certain route, and over, along, upon and across certain streets or portions of certain streets in the city of Rialto, described in the application for said franchise and upon the conditions therein recited; that said ordinance was passed granting said franchise on the 8th day of October, 1912, by said city of Rialto, and reference is hereby made to said ordinance for such further necessary description of route and conditions of said ordinance, copy of said ordinance being attached to the application herein; that all conditions necessary to the life of said franchise were complied with and that said franchise is now in full force and effect; that under said franchise, the Crescent City Railway Company has been extended from its terminus aforesaid in Bloomington northeasterly to a point where a public street or highway designated in said franchise as "Bloomington Road" intersects the southerly boundary line of said city of Rialto and said extension is now substantially completed; that further extension under said franchise is contemplated, the construction of which will be diligently prosecuted; that Wm. G. Henshaw owns all of the stock of the Crescent City Railway Company and has financed its building, extensions and operation; that the value of said railroad, constructed under the above named franchise, is stated to be approximately \$525,000.00; that said Wm. G. Henshaw is possessed of large means and amply able to construct and operate said railway. X

Wm. G. Henshaw, therefore, asks permission to exercise the rights granted to the Crescent City Railway Company by the said city of Rialto under the franchise heretofore referred to.

said franchise having been transferred to him as above set forth.

The testimony at the hearing showed that the completion and operation of the Crescent City Railway Company, as set forth in the franchise, would be a matter of great convenience to the people living along said road, both in the matter of passenger and freight transportation. Witnesses testified that practically all of the residents of the section along the road were anxious to have this application granted.

I find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require and will require the granting of this application to Wm. G. Henshaw to exercise the franchise rights heretofore granted to the Crescent City Railway Company by the city of Rialto and transferred by the Crescent City Railway Company to Wm. G. Henshaw, as above set forth.

I recommend the following Order:-

O R D E R

WHEREAS, Crescent City Railway Company has heretofore procured from the city of Rialto, San Bernardino county, California, a franchise to construct and operate an electrical railroad over a route and upon conditions set forth in an ordinance duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said city of Rialto on October 8, 1912; and,

WHEREAS, the property of the Crescent City Railway Company and its appurtenances have been assigned and transferred by the Crescent City Railway Company to Wm. G. Henshaw, and Wm. G. Henshaw now asks to be permitted to exercise the rights granted under said franchise, as above set forth; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require and will require that permission be granted to Wm. G. Henshaw to exercise said franchise rights;

