

Decision No. 2055

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Decision No. 2006

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE BOARD OF TRADE OF SIERRA MADRE
et al.,

Complainants,

vs.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY,
a corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 567

F. D. R. Koote and Charles C. Montgomery
for complainants.
Frank Karr for defendant.

EDGERTON, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

The Board of Trade of Sierra Madre complains against Pacific Electric Railway Company, and asks that said defendant be compelled to build a station in the City of Sierra Madre and to double track approximately four miles of its line running into Sierra Madre, and to rearrange its schedule of trains.

At the hearing defendant agreed to build the station, the plans of which had been agreed upon, and this has since been done. The schedule of trains has recently been rearranged and this schedule should be given a reasonable trial.

There is only left for consideration in this case,

therefore, whether or not defendant should be compelled to double track its line.

Defendant estimates the cost of this double tracking to be approximately \$88,000 and strongly urges that the investment of this money in this extra track at this time is not justified by the traffic, nor is it needed by the community of Sierra Madre. Furthermore, evidence was introduced to show that there are many single track lines of defendant serving communities whose needs are greater than those of Sierra Madre.

There are also communities now demanding of defendant the extension of its line where no trackage now exists, and under all of the circumstances I do not believe we should at this time force the installation of this track, particularly in view of the needs of communities which are not now receiving direct service from defendant, and inasmuch as the funds of defendant do not warrant all of the double tracking and all of the extensions which are demanded, it will become necessary from time to time to conclude which are the additions to the trackage of defendant most urgently needed. I therefore recommend that this complaint be dismissed.

Herewith a form of order:

O R D E R

Complaint having been made by the Board of Trade of Sierra Madre et al against Pacific Electric Railway Company, and a public hearing having been had and it appearing to the Commission that for the reasons set out in the foregoing opinion this complaint should be dismissed,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that the complaint herein be and the

same is hereby dismissed.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of December, 1914.

W. H. England
Alex. L. Ford
Edwin C. Edgerton

Commissioners.