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In the matter of the application of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY and RIVERSIDE, RIALTO AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for authority to enter into an agreement for joint operation by the PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY of the railroad and tracks of the RIVERSIDE, RIALTO AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY in the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, California.

Application No. 1581

Frank Karr for Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Allen Chickering for Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company.

LOVELAND, Commissioner:

OPINION

In this application the Pacific Electric Railway Company and the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company ask the Commission to approve an arrangement which these corporations have entered into, the conditions of which are set forth in a certain agreement made and entered into on the 1st day of March, 1915, by and between the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, party of the first part, and the Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation incorporated and consolidated under the laws of the State of California, party of the second part, copy of this agreement having been filed with the pleadings and marked "Exhibit B". It recites that the party of the first part, the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company, is the owner of a certain line of railway and appurtenances in the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino; that the party of the second part, the Pacific Electric Railway Company, desires to use

said railway in common with the party of the first part, to which use and operation party of the first part is agreeable. The conditions under which such operation is to be carried on are then set forth in the agreement with great particularity and finally provide for arbitration in case of a disagreement as to any of the provisions of the agreement. Reference is hereby made to the copy of the agreement filed as an exhibit in this application, and further explanation as to such agreement is considered unnecessary.

The Pacific Electric Railway Company has, in the past, operated a local passenger service only over the lines of the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company, and its predecessors, under an agreement which has now expired by limitation.

In the agreement, approval of which is now asked, a larger use of the railroad of the party of the first part, Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company, is contemplated by the Pacific Electric Railway Company, which larger use and operation it was testified at the hearing would be a matter of convenience and benefit to the people who live along the line of and patronize the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company, and would give to such patrons a through route to Los Angeles. The proposed arrangement whereby through cars will be operated from points on the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company to Los Angeles on the Los Angeles - San Bernardino line of the Pacific Electric Railway is one that will conveniently serve the travelling public, and the application of the operating methods of the Pacific Electric Railway Company to the passenger service of the line of the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company will unquestionably give better service than would be

enjoyed were the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company to continue its passenger operation. As the line was primarily constructed for the purpose of serving the cement plant at Crestmore, and the passenger business only incidental in a small way thereto, a better service may well be expected under the operation proposed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company. I see no reason, from the standpoint of public interest, why the agreement should not receive the approval of this Commission, and I therefore find that it should and recommend the following order:

O R D E R

The Pacific Electric Railway Company and the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company having applied to this Commission for the approval of an agreement, entered into by these two corporations, comprehending joint operation by these two roads of the railroad and tracks of the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company in the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, and a public hearing having been held, the Commission having given the agreement which was filed with the application, marked "Exhibit B", careful consideration, and having found that the public will doubtless be inconvenienced by such joint operation as set forth in the opinion preceding this order, and having found further that the agreement should be approved as prayed for,

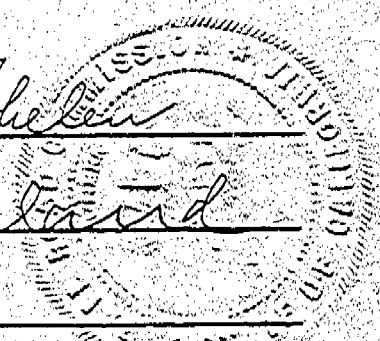
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the agreement entered into on the 1st day of March, 1915 by and between the Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California and the Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation incorporated and consolidated under the laws of the State of California, by the terms of which the said Riverside, Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company and the said Pacific Electric Railway Company shall jointly operate the railroad of the Riverside,

Rialto and Pacific Railroad Company from Rialto to Riverside according to the terms and conditions set forth in said agreement, be and it is hereby approved.

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 19th day of March, 1915.

Wm. Shelton
H. B. Loveland
Edwin O. Edgerton



Commissioners.