

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of the)
 Director General of Railroads, United)
 States Railroad Administration, and)
 Southern Pacific Company and Southern)
 Pacific Railroad Company for permission) Application No. 4897
 to discontinue passenger service, until)
 further order of the Commission, on the)
 steam railroad line between the cities)
 of San Pedro and Long Beach, California.)

W. R. Gilbert for Applicants

LOVELAND, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

In this application permission is asked
 by the United States Railroad Administration, through the Southern
 Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, to discontinue
 passenger service now being given by said Southern Pacific Company
 and Southern Pacific Railroad Company on the steam road line between
 the cities of San Pedro and Long Beach, California, until further
 order of the Railroad Commission.

Testimony developed the fact that there are
 three different transportation companies serving the territory in
 question, namely, applicant Southern Pacific Company, Los Angeles &
 Salt Lake Railway Company and the Pacific Electric Railway Company,
 the first two being steam roads and the latter an electric line.

The passenger service which the Southern Pacific
 Company has given between the cities of San Pedro and Long Beach, for
 several years, has practically amounted to nothing, in fact, it is in
 evidence that no passengers have been carried by that line for a
 period of five years although a passenger coach, attached to the train
 which does the freight business, has been run one trip per day in each
 direction.

The Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway is practic-
 ally along the water front between San Pedro and Long Beach and affords
 service for passengers between these cities, The Pacific Electric Rail-

way runs over a route which, for much of the distance between the cities in question, parallels the line of the Southern Pacific. Its service is exclusively for passengers on a 40-minute headway from 5:50 a.m. to 9:50 p.m., with additional trains at 10:15 p.m., 11:10 p.m. and 11:58 p.m., this service in both directions. Five extra trains are run in the morning from Long Beach to San Pedro to carry the workmen employed in the shipbuilding plants and canneries at that place; these trains are run in the opposite direction in the evening to carry the workmen to their homes.

Mr. O. A. Smith, General Passenger Agent of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, testifying for applicant, stated that the Pacific Electric Railway Company could effectively care for all demands for passenger service in the territory traversed by the Southern Pacific Company between Long Beach and San Pedro, and that the passenger service now offered by applicant's one coach a day in each direction, such coach being attached to a freight train, was of no value to the public. It was shown by the evidence that ample publicity had been given to the public that applicant had asked to discontinue this passenger service and that no protests had been received.

The expense of operating the coach, as above set forth, and its upkeep, were shown by the testimony to be \$60.00 per day. Under all the circumstances as herein set forth we find that the application should be granted, and submit the following order:

C R D E R

The Director General of Railroads, United States Railroad Administration, through the Southern Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, having applied to this Commission for permission to discontinue passenger service until further order

of the Commission on the steam road line between the cities of San Pedro and Long Beach, California, and the matter having been heard, after due notice being given to the public, and the evidence submitted at such hearing justifying the granting of said application,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Director General of Railroads, United States Railroad Administration, and Southern Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, be and they are hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of the passenger coach now being run once a day in each direction between the cities of San Pedro and Long Beach, California, until further order of this Commission.

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 2nd day of October, 1919.

Edwin O. Egerton
H. D. Loveland
Frank J. Dyer
Irving Martin
Commissioners.