

Decision No. 26872.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RAILWAY, a corporation, to exchange its "M" Street Bridge at Sacramento and certain franchise rights with the State of California, acting by and thru the Department of Public Works for the right to operate over a new bridge to be built to replace said "M" Street Bridge.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 19358.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Sacramento Northern Railway, a corporation, on March 15, 1934, applied for authority to exchange its "M" Street Bridge, extending from the foot of "M" Street in Sacramento to the west bank of the Sacramento River in Yolo County, and certain franchise rights with the State of California, acting by and through the Department of Public Works, for the right to operate over a new bridge to be built in the same location by said Department.

The predecessor of Sacramento Northern Railway constructed the present "M" Street Bridge as a part of its electric railroad between Sacramento and Woodland. The bridge provides for two lanes of vehicular traffic, two sidewalks and a single track along its center line for the operation of the railroad. Subsequently the electric line between Oakland and Sacramento, now owned by applicant, was constructed with a connection to the

Sacramento-Woodland track, a short distance west of said bridge.

The bridge was completed in 1912 at a cost of approximately

~~\$139,288.~~
450,500

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The Department of Public Works has constructed a state highway extending from Oakland to the said "M" Street Bridge. The traffic over the bridge has increased to such an extent that the present structure is no longer adequate to accommodate highway travel. The single track on the bridge, however, adequately accommodates rail traffic.

It is the plan of the Department to remove the present bridge and replace it with a new one, with floor space for four lanes of vehicular traffic, two sidewalks and a single track railroad. Applicant and the Department are now negotiating an agreement covering terms of the exchange of property for an operating right over the new bridge.

Applicant alleges that the operating rights to be acquired on the new bridge will be equally valuable and serviceable to it as the property which it is disposing of and, furthermore, it will be relieved of the cost of maintaining and operating said bridge.

It appears that after the new bridge is constructed the service of the railroad will not be impaired and the vehicular users of the bridge will be greatly benefited.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sacramento Northern Railway be and it is hereby authorized to exchange its "M" Street Bridge at Sacramento and certain franchise rights with the State of

California, acting by and through the Department of Public Works for the right to operate over a new bridge to be built by said Department of Public Works, to replace said existing "M" Street Bridge, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall file within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date hereof a certified copy or copies of agreement or agreements between it and said Department of Public Works covering the terms of said exchange herein authorized.
- (2) The authorization herein granted shall not be construed as a determination of the value of the property for any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.
- (3) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of March, 1934.

G. L. Jones

M. J. Lee

M. B. Harris

M. H. Warr

Commissioners.