

Decision No. 28154

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for
authority to reroute passenger serv-
ice and abandon certain tracks in the
City of Riverside.

Application No. 19994

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Pacific Electric Railway Company on June 10, 1935, applied for authority to reroute passenger service, abandon certain tracks and remodel a certain grade separation in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California.

Applicant's passenger service through Riverside is operated over the following route, as follows: On First Street from La Cadena Drive to Main Street, thence along Main Street from First Street to Fourteenth Street, thence along Magnolia Avenue from Fourteenth Street to Market Street; also along private right of way adjacent to La Cadena Drive from approximately Allen Place to First Street, all of which is shown in yellow on Map C.E.9804-c attached to and made a part of the application.

It is proposed in the application to abandon passenger service on the route above described and to establish service over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company as follows: Along a curved connection between applicant's line and the line of Southern Pacific Company at La Cadena Drive and Allen Place, thence on

Southern Pacific Company's track on private right of way from La Cadena Drive near Allen Place to the intersection of First Street and Market Street, thence along Market Street from First Street to Eleventh Street, thence along applicant's track in Market Street from Eleventh Street with a connection to Brockton Avenue line of applicant, all of which is shown on map attached to the application.

The proposed change in operation will result in the elimination of one track crossing at grade with Southern Pacific Company and one with Union Pacific in the vicinity of the intersection of La Cadena Avenue and Allen Place. The proposed connection between applicant's tracks and those of Southern Pacific Company will require the construction of a new track crossing at grade with Union Pacific. All said crossings are shown on Map C.E.9804-c attached to the application.

Furthermore, it is proposed to alter and remove center supports at the grade separation of Southern Pacific Company's track on Main Street (designated as Crossing BJ-546.1-B).

Applicant has entered into an agreement with the City of Riverside, Southern Pacific Railroad Company and Southern Pacific Company covering the matters herein involved. A copy of said agreement is attached to the application and made a part thereof.

Southern Pacific Company's tracks proposed to be used by applicant will be equipped with automatic light signals for the control of trains. The rerouting of rail service and the remodeling of said grade separation are proposed in the interest of providing better facilities to accommodate vehicular traffic on said streets.

It appears that the plan proposed, if carried out, will be in the public interest, that a public hearing is not necessary,

and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized:

I. To abandon service and remove its tracks in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California, over lines described as follows:

On private right of way adjacent to La Cadena Drive from approximately Allen Place to First Street, thence along First Street from La Cadena Drive to Main Street, thence along Main Street from First Street to Fourteenth Street, thence along Magnolia Avenue from Fourteenth Street to Market Street, also along Fourteenth Street from Main Street to Market Street, together with track connections at the intersection of First Street and Main Street;

All of which is shown on Map C.E.9804-c attached to and made a part of the application; subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Said service shall be abandoned concurrently with the inauguration of service hereinafter authorized.
- (2) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission of the abandonment of said service and removal of said tracks.

II. To establish passenger service in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California, over the route described as follows:

Commencing in the vicinity of La Cadena Drive and Allen Place, thence via curved connection from Pacific Electric Railway Company's track to Southern Pacific Company's track, thence along Southern Pacific Company's track on private right of way from La Cadena Drive near Allen Place to the intersection of First Street and Market Street, thence on Southern Pacific Company's track in Market Street from First Street to Eleventh Street, thence on Pacific Electric Railway Company's track in Market Street from Eleventh Street to Magnolia Avenue, with a curved connection to Pacific Electric Company's Brockton Avenue line at the intersection of Market Street and Fourteenth Street,

All of which is shown in red and broken red lines on Map C.E.9804-c attached to and made a part of the application; subject, however, to

the following conditions:

- (1) Said tracks over which joint operation is to be conducted shall be equipped with signal light circuits for the control of trains. Plans for said signal light circuits shall be filed with this Commission prior to the installation thereof.
- (2) Applicant shall notify the Commission of the date service is to be commenced over the route herein authorized.

III. To alter and reconstruct grade separation of Southern Pacific Company's track over North Main Street in the vicinity of First Street (now designated as Crossing No. BJ-546.1-B) in the City of Riverside at the location as shown on Map C.E.9804-b, attached to and made a part of the application; subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) The cost of altering and reconstructing said grade separation shall be in accordance with the terms of an agreement entered into on the 30th day of April, 1935, by applicant Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Southern Pacific Company and City of Riverside, a copy of said agreement being attached to and made a part of the application.
- (2) Said crossing shall be reconstructed with clearances conforming to the provisions of our General Order No. 26-C.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the reconstruction of said crossing and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

IV. To construct its track at grade over the track of Union Pacific at the point designated by "B" on Map C.E.9804-C attached to and made a part of the application; subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) The entire cost of constructing said crossing shall be borne by applicant.
- (2) No train, engine, motor or car of applicant or Union Pacific shall be operated over said crossing unless said train, engine, motor or car shall be first brought to a full and complete stop and not proceed thereover unless it is ascertained safe so to do.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that 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 5th day of August, 1935.

Leon A. White

M. A. Cox

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Frank R. Wilson

Commissioners.