Decision No. 28390

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COLMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for an in lieu certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Twenty-fourth Supplemental Application No. 17984

APPORT

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BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

The Pacific Electric Railway Company filed the above entitled supplemental application requesting authority to reroute a portion of its so-called Hollywood-North Hollywood motor coach line in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles. The applicant proposes a slight change so as to operate around a different loop on the northerly end of the line, for a trial period of ninety days.

Applicant was granted authority for this operation by Decision No. 24049, dated September 21, 1931, on Application No. 17616, which has subsequently been included in the in lieu certificate granted by Decision No. 24854, dated June 13, 1932, and the route later amended by Decision No. 25060, dated August 15, 1932, both on Application No. 17984. The present route of said Hollywood-North Hollywood motor coach line is as follows:

> Commencing at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, north on Highland Avenue, northwest on Cahuenga Boulevard, north on Lankershim Boulevard, west on Victory Boulevard, north on Laurel Canyon Road, east on Vanowen Street, south on Lankershim Boulevard to Victory Boulevard.

Applicant now proposes to change said route to the following:

Commencing at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, north on Highland Avenue, northwest on Cahuenga Boulevard, north on Lankershim Boulevard, west on Victory Boulevard, north on Whitsett Avenue, east on Vanowen Street, South on Lankershim Boulevard to Victory Boulevard. Applicant alleges that people residing along Whitsett Avenue, between Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street in North Hollywood, have requested the above rerouting, and this is substantiated by the fact that a number of informal conferences have been held in the offices of the Commission relative to this matter. Investigation discloses that some twenty-five additional homes will be served by the rerouting as proposed herein, whereas, only five homes will not be as close to the proposed route as they are to the present route, and these said five homes are all within a distance of two blocks from the proposed route.

At times of heavy rains, both Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street are made impassable by water flowing down a wash which crosses both of these streets immediately west of Laurel Canyon Road. For this reason, applicant seeks permission to operate around the present loop, instead of the proposed loop, at such times.

No change in fares, type of equipment operated or frequency of service is proposed in this application.

The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, in its communication dated October 29, 1935, has signified that it has no objection to the granting of this application.

It appearing that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary; that it will be in the public's interest to reroute the motor coach line as proposed, and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Pacific Electric Railway Company be, and it is, hereby authorized to reroute its so-called Hollywood-North Eollywood motor coach line over and along the following route, for a trial period of ninety (90) days:

> Commencing at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, north on Highland Avenue, northwest on Cahuenga Boulevard, north on

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Lankershim Boulevard, west on Victory Boulevard, north on Whitsett Avenue, east on Vanowen Street, south on Lankershim Boulevard to Victory Boulevard,

instead of over the route established by Decision No. 25060, dated August 15, 1932, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall afford the public at least five (5) days' notice of the rerouting authorized herein, by the posting of notices in all motor coaches operating on said line and at all stations affected.
- (2) At the end of the trial period of ninety (90) days, if it is found that the patronage on the new route is not sufficient to warrant its continuance, applicant is hereby authorized to restore the present route upon written notification to this Commission. Applicant shall also afford the public at least five (5) days' notice of its intention to return to the present route, by posting notices in all motor coaches operating on said line and at all stations affected.
- (3) Applicant is hereby authorized to operate over the present route during periods of heavy rains which may make Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street impassable.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the effecting of the rerouting authorized herein.
- (5) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void, if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

In all other respects, Decision No. 24854 shall remain in

full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25⁻² day of November, 1935.

Commissioners.