

Decision No. 20882.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, for authority to abandon service on its Mt. Lowe Line between Lake Avenue & Mariposa Street, Altadena, and Mt. Lowe Tavern.

Application No. 21583.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, on November 12th, 1937, filed the above entitled application, requesting permission to abandon and remove its Mt. Lowe Line from the intersection of Lake Avenue and Mariposa Street in Altadena to the end of the line at Mt. Lowe Tavern, a total distance of 5.797 miles. Prior to September 15th, 1936, applicant operated a hotel resort in the San Gabriel Mountains, known as Mt. Lowe Tavern, which was served exclusively by the line involved herein. On the date referred to above this tavern was completely destroyed by fire and since that date service on the rail line has been temporarily suspended pending a determination as to whether or not the resort would be rebuilt.

Exhibit "B," attached to the application, shows that, from 1926 to and including eight months of 1936, travel on the line to Mt. Lowe has decreased materially and, after mature consideration, applicant has decided that the resort will not be reconstructed and therefore there is no necessity for the continued maintenance of the rail line. Applicant alleges that, with the exception of a distance of 1.08 miles between the intersection of Lake Avenue and Mariposa Street and the station of Hygeia, the district between Los

Angeles and Hygeia is now provided with ample service by other lines.

Exhibit "C," attached to the application, is a tabulation of a six-day travel check showing that an average of three passengers per day boarded the inbound car between Hygeia and the intersection of Lake Avenue and Mariposa Street and slightly in excess of three passengers per day rode the outbound car to stops beyond Lake Avenue and Mariposa Street.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to abandon and remove its Mt. Lowe line between the intersection of Lake Avenue and Mariposa Street, in Altadena, and Mt. Lowe Tavern, the portion to be abandoned being shown in yellow on Exhibit "A," attached to the application, and more particularly described as follows:

From Lake Avenue and Mariposa Street, Altadena, on Lake Avenue a distance of approximately one-half mile to point between Dolores and Alta Vista Drives, thence private right-of-way to Rubio Canyon; thence incline cable railway on private right-of-way to Echo Mountain; thence narrow gauge mountain rail line on private right-of-way to Mt. Lowe Tavern;

and to cancel, in conformity with the rules of the Commission, all rate tariffs and time schedules applying thereto, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public not less than ten (10) days' advance notice of the abandonment of

this service, by posting notices in all cars operating on the line and at all stations affected.

- (2) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of its compliance with the conditions of this Order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of March, 1938.

Leon C. O'Connell
James R. McMillan
Earl Swapping
Ray L. Cherry
Commissioners.