

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Decision No. 35021

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BAKERSFIELD )  
 AND KERN ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for authority )  
 to make certain changes and extensions in its ) Application  
 bus lines in and in the vicinity of the City of ) No. 24101  
 Bakersfield. )

In the Matter of the Application of BAKERSFIELD )  
 AND KERN ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for authority )  
 to abandon its street car line in the City of ) Application  
 Bakersfield; to substitute bus service therefor; ) No. 24736  
 and to make certain changes in its bus routes )  
 and tariffs. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Bakersfield and Kern Electric Railway Company has filed Application No. 24736 for authority to abandon its rail service in the City of Bakersfield and to make certain changes in the bus service, certificate for which has been heretofore granted in Application No. 24101. The City Council of Bakersfield has approved the proposal.

Applicant has in the past served the City of Bakersfield and unincorporated territory in the immediate vicinity by a system of street cars and bus lines. At present the only remaining rail line is that operating between the railroad stations of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company by way of "F" Street, 19th Street, and Baker Street, a distance of 2.18 miles. At the Southern Pacific terminus of this line transfer is made to two bus line extensions, known as the Flower-Niles Street bus line and the Alta Vista-La Cresta bus line, serving the northeast portion of the community. A charge of 2 cents is made for this transfer thereby in effect establishing a 7-cent fare between the business section of Bakersfield and points on either of these bus lines. Applicant now proposes to operate these bus lines through the

business section of Bakersfield over substantially the same route as that over which rail service is now provided. A zone fare is proposed with the zone limit being established at the point of the present transfer at the Southern Pacific passenger station. By this arrangement improved service is provided without transfer and with no increase in fares.

The elimination of unpatronized Sunday operations and reduction of the week day service on the Alta Vista-La Cresta line is proposed. Applicant also requests authority to reroute a portion of this line. In addition to the changes in the Flower-Niles Street bus line and the Alta Vista-La Cresta bus line previously noted applicant also desires to eliminate an unprofitable portion from its Oildale-South Chester bus line. The rail line which applicant proposes to abandon is badly in need of repairs, the equipment is worn out, and an unjustified expenditure will be necessary to rehabilitate this rail line and retain it in service.

It appears that the plan as proposed by applicant will serve the area as well or better than the routings now in operation; that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary; that the application to abandon the rail line should be granted; that proper modification of the service requirements stated in Decision No. 34137 in Application No. 24101 should be made; and that applicant should be authorized to amend its tariffs as required to put into effect the zone fares on its Flower-Niles Street bus line and its Alta Vista-La Cresta bus line, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Bakersfield and Kern Electric Railway Company is authorized to abandon its rail street car line in the City of Bakersfield now operating over the following route:

Beginning at a point on Baker Street in the vicinity of the passenger station of Southern

Pacific Company, thence southerly along Baker Street to 19th Street, thence westerly along 19th Street to "F" Street, and southerly along "F" Street to a point in "F" Street in the vicinity of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

Said abandonment should be coincident with the putting into effect of the service changes hereinafter authorized.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the service regulations as set forth in Section III in Decision No. 34137 in Application No. 24101 are hereby modified to read as follows:

- (1) Subject to the authority of the Commission to change or modify such at any time by further order, said passenger stage service shall be conducted over and along the following described routes:

(a) Santa Fe-Kern General Bus Line

Commencing at the Santa Fe Depot at 15th and "F" Streets in the City of Bakersfield, thence north along "F" Street to 19th Street, thence easterly along 19th Street to Baker Street, thence northerly along Baker Street to Flower Street, thence easterly along Flower Street to Mt. Vernon Avenue, thence southerly along Mt. Vernon Avenue to Niles Street, thence westerly along Niles Street to Baker Street, thence southerly along Baker Street to 19th Street, thence westerly along 19th Street to "F" Street, thence southerly along "F" Street to the Santa Fe Depot at 15th and "F" Streets, the point of beginning.

(b) 19th Street-La Cresta Bus Line

Commencing at a loop around the block bounded by 19th, "G," 20th, and "H" Streets, in the City of Bakersfield, thence easterly along 19th Street to Baker Street, thence northerly along Baker Street to Bernard Street, thence easterly along Bernard Street to the extension of Baker Street, thence northerly along Baker Street to Irene Street, thence westerly along Irene Street to Alta Vista Drive, thence northerly along Alta Vista Drive to Columbus Avenue, thence westerly along Columbus Avenue to La Cresta Drive, thence northeasterly along La Cresta Drive to Alta Vista Drive, thence southerly along Alta Vista Drive to Irene Street, thence easterly along Irene Street to Baker Street, thence southerly along Baker Street to Bernard Street, thence westerly along

Bernard Street to Baker Street, thence southerly along Baker Street to 19th Street, and thence westerly along 19th Street to "G" Street, the point of beginning.

(c) Oildale-South Chester Avenue Bus Line

Commencing at the intersection of 19th Street and Chester Avenue, thence northerly along Chester Avenue across Kern River Bridge to Roberts Lane, westerly along Roberts Lane to Oildale Drive, northerly along Oildale Drive to McCray Street, and northerly along McCray Street (which is the northerly extension of Oildale Drive) to Highland Drive, easterly along Highland Drive to Howard Avenue, and southerly along Howard Avenue to California Street (which is the southerly extension of Howard Avenue) to El Tejon Avenue, easterly along El Tejon Avenue to Chester Avenue, southerly along Chester Avenue to 19th Street, continuing southerly along Chester Avenue to Terrace Way, westerly on Terrace Way to Oleander Avenue, northerly along Oleander Avenue to Chester Lane, westerly along Chester Lane to Myrtle Street, northerly along Myrtle Street to Sunset Avenue, easterly along Sunset Avenue to "C" Street, northerly along "C" Street to California Avenue, easterly along California Avenue to Chester Avenue, northerly on Chester Avenue to 19th Street, the point of beginning.

(d) Chester Avenue-Eighth Street bus line

Commencing at the intersection of California Avenue and Chester Avenue, thence easterly along California Avenue to Pershing Street, southerly along Pershing Street to Eighth Street, westerly along Eighth Street to "L" Street, southerly along "L" Street to Fourth Street, and westerly along Fourth Street to Chester Avenue.

- (2) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini or intermediate points, either in the street intersection or by operating around a block contiguous to the intersection, in either direction, as required by local regulations.
- (3) Applicant shall commence the service herein authorized within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and shall file in triplicate and concurrently make effective upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, a tariff or tariffs in accordance with the Commission's general orders, and containing rates and rules which in volume and effect shall be identical with the rates and rules shown in Exhibit "G" attached to Application No. 24756.

- (4) Applicant shall file in triplicate and make effective within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days after the effective date of this order, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, time tables covering the service herein authorized, in a form satisfactory to this Commission. Said time tables shall in general conform with the schedules and service described in Application No. 24736.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of February, 1942.

Justin F. Casner  
Ray H. Riley  
H. H. Miller  
Frank R. Havener  
Richard Parker  
Commissioners