

Decision No. 3522A

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the request of the LONG BEACH MOTOR BUS COMPANY, a California corporation, for authority to temporarily discontinue operation of an auto stage line for the transportation of passengers for compensation, by motor coach, as a common carrier between Long Beach and Terminal Island and intermediate points.

Application No. 25549

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

Long Beach Motor Bus Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application requesting authority to temporarily discontinue operation of its passenger stage line for the transportation of passengers, as a common carrier, between Long Beach and Terminal Island and intermediate points, authorized by Decision No. 35445, dated June 2, 1942.

The application sets forth that service was instituted subsequent to the issuance of said decision and continues up to the present time.

Applicant is now informed that Pacific Electric Railway Company is about to institute a rail passenger service which will be in duplication of the service now rendered by applicant. Applicant directs attention to the regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation which provide that, whenever possible, duplication of passenger stage and rail service shall be eliminated by the withdrawal of the passenger stage service. Attached to the application is a letter from the Office of Defense Transportation requesting that applicant herein acquire authority to discontinue the service.

It is not the intention of applicant to permanently abandon said service. On the other hand, the authority requested contemplates discontinuance of the service for such period of time as may be required under the order of said Office of Defense Transportation. The date upon which operations will be commenced by Pacific Electric Railway Company does not appear from the application.

This is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary. The public interest will be best served by the proposed discontinuance and the application will be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Long Beach Motor Bus Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to suspend its passenger stage service between Long Beach and Terminal Island and intermediate points, as authorized in Decision No. 35445, dated June 2, 1942, until further order of the Commission, concurrently with the establishment by Pacific Electric Railway Company of passenger rail service between those points, provided that notice of such suspension shall be published in the equipment used by said applicant on said run at least two (2) days prior to such suspension and shall supplement its tariffs and time tables on file with the Commission reflecting the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of March, 1943.

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COMMISSIONERS