

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36796

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for an In Lieu Certi- ficate of Public Convenience and Necessity.	) SIXTY-FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL ) APPLICATION NO. 17984 ) (Establish Van Nuys-Birmingham ) Army Hospital Motor Coach Line, ) and Adjust Route of Van Nuys- ) Canoga Park Motor Coach Line).
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BY THE COMMISSION:

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By this supplemental application, Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks permission to establish motor coach service, for the transportation of passengers, between a connection with its present Ventura Boulevard motor coach route at Sherman Oaks and the United States Birmingham Army Hospital now being constructed in the vicinity of Balboa Boulevard and Vanowen Street, and from the Hospital to the Van Nuys Army Airdrome headquarters, in the Van Nuys district of the City of Los Angeles. Applicant also seeks authority to make an adjustment of the Van Nuys-Canoga Park motor coach line, in order to give passenger service to certain war plants located on and adjacent to Woodley Avenue. Applicant proposes to establish all of the above service on a 90-day trial basis.

The reasons set forth as justification for the establishment of such service are - the new Army Hospital will consist of approximately one hundred buildings and will be designed to care for in excess of seventeen hundred patients; access to this institution will be required by a substantial number of civilian employees, military personnel, doctors, etc., many of whom will otherwise experience difficulty in reaching the hospital; and representatives of interested employees in the aircraft plants located in the vicinity of the United States Army Metropolitan Airport have alleged that these plants are

badly in need of common carrier transportation service to meet shift changes, and lack of this service in the past has restricted the personnel expansion.

Fares applicable to the points along the new route have been computed upon the same basis as those presently applying to other of applicant's operations in the district under consideration.

No protests to the granting of this application have been received. The service as proposed appears to be necessary and the application therefore will be granted. No public hearing is needed.

#### ORDER

Application having been made in the above entitled matter and the Commission being duly advised in the premises;

#### IT IS ORDERED:

I. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers:

- (a) Between Sherman Oaks and the United States Birmingham Army Hospital in the vicinity of Balboa Boulevard and Vanowen Street, and between the Hospital and the Van Nuys Army Airbase headquarters located on Balboa Boulevard between Saticoy Street and Roscoe Boulevard, in the Van Nuys District of the City of Los Angeles; and
- (b) Between a point on applicant's present Van Nuys-Canoga Park motor coach line, at the intersection of Sherman Way and Woodley Avenue, and the intersection of Woodley Avenue and Strathern Street;

and to consolidate said operation with the operative rights heretofore granted by Decision No. 30599, dated February 7, 1938, subject to the following condition:

Pacific Electric Railway Company, its successors or assigns, may never claim before this Commission, or any court or other public body, a value for any purpose for the certificate herein granted, in excess of the actual cost incurred by it in securing said operative authority.

II. That in the operation of said passenger stage service Pacific Electric Railway Company shall comply and observe the following service regulations:

- (1) File a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
- (2) Comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A, by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission, within thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof, and on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and the public.
- (3) Applicant shall turn its motor vehicles at termini or intermediate points, either in the intersection of the streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection in either direction and to carry passengers as traffic regulations of the political subdivision may require.
- (4) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify them at any time by further order, applicant shall conduct said passenger stage service over and along the following routes:

Commencing at the intersection of Ventura and Van Nuys Boulevards, Sherman Oaks, along Van Nuys Boulevard, Victory Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard and Vanowen Street to main entrance of United States Birmingham Army Hospital just west of Balboa Boulevard; also, northerly along Balboa Boulevard to Van Nuys Army Air-drome headquarters located approximately midway between Saticoy Street and Roscoe Boulevard, returning via the reverse of said route.

From intersection of Sherman Way & Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, via Woodley Avenue to Strathern Street, returning via same route.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of

January, 1944.

Francis D. Havenue

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Richard H. Bach

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Commissioners.