

Decision No. 38094

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MOTOR STREET CAR SERVICE, INCORPORATED,) Application No. 26833
for permission to abandon a portion of)
its service.)

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Motor Street Car Service, Incorporated, requests authority to abandon passenger stage operations at Santa Rosa over Route No. 4(b) as defined in Decision No. 37683.

Applicant, under a certificate issued by this Commission, now provides a passenger stage service at Santa Rosa and districts adjacent thereto. In support of its request, applicant asserts that during a typical 41 day period it transported 835 passengers over the route involved for which 11 daily round-trips were operated. An average of less than one passenger was transported on each one-way trip. The application states that Route No. 4(b) serves a sparsely populated area and it does not appear that the patronage in the future will materially increase. It is also stated that Route No. 4(a), of which said Route No. 4(b) is a branch, serves an industrial area in which several hundred people are employed. Applicant has been requested by employers and employees of the industrial area to increase the service by shortening the headways on Route No. 4(a) for the accommodation of the employees. A similar request has been received from the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce. The proposed increase of service in said industrial area can be accomplished by discontinuing service on Route No. 4(b). Stages serving Route No.

4(b) operate for a considerable distance over Route No. 4(a). A shortening of headways on Route No. 4(a) would result in an unprofitable increase of unneeded service over this portion of the route if operation over Route No. 4(b) is continued. Upon abandonment of operations over Route No. 4(b) there would remain adequate service over Routes Nos. 3 and 4(a) within a walking distance of not to exceed 1,000 feet for the residents now served by Route No. 4(b).

The application states that the public has been notified of applicant's intention to abandon service over Route No. 4(b) and that no protest thereto has been received.

In our opinion the request of applicant is in the public interest and will be authorized.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been received and it appearing that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That Motor Street Car Service, Incorporated, is hereby authorized to discontinue passenger stage service and abandon operation over Route No. 4(b), as defined in Decision No. 37683, and such right is hereby revoked and annulled, provided that the public shall be notified of such discontinuance by posting notices in all stages operating over such route at least 10 days prior thereto.

(2) That applicant shall within 30 days from the effective date hereof, and on not less than 10 days notice to the Commission and the public file appropriate tariffs and time tables reflecting the authority therein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of July, 1945.

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