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Decision No. 38351

DE ICIME BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, for permission to abandon street railway service along B Street, Kettner Boulevard and Hancock Street in the City of San Diegc.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Application No. 26952

In this application, San Diego Electric Railway Company requests authority to abandon and discontinue street railway service along "B" Street, Kettner Boulevard and Hancock Street, as authorized in Decision No. 34956, and to remove certain of the track facilities employed in the rendition of such service.

As justification for this request, applicant recites that the original authority was obtained for the purpose of transporting great numbers of workers formerly employed in National Defense work at the aircraft plants of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, and that the service provided along this rail line has consistently been restricted to the transportation of employees of the Aircraft Corporation. At the time this street railway service was instituted, the aircraft industry was operated on a three shift basis for many thousands of workers. Since cessation of hostilities; however, activities have greatly diminished, with certain departments of the Corperation entirely shut down. Applicant avers that patronage of this service has doclined from a peak requiring thirty-four street cars in 1943 to a present requirement which could be satisfied with three street cars operated only at change of shift hours. It is further contended that the transportation requirements of the aircraft plants are amply met at this time on existing bus sorvice provided by Routes "C", "L", "O", "R", "T" and "V" of

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San Diogo Electric Railway Company: Applicant further alleges that the continuation of this rail service is no longer warranted and that its retention will adversely affect the standard of the remaining system.

The City of San Diego, through its City Managor, has indicated that it will interpose no objection to the discontinuance as proposed, and the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, through its Division Managor, has concurred in the views contained in the application.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

I. That San Dicgo Electric Railway Company is authorized to abandon and discontinue street railway service along "B" Street, Kottner Boulevard and Hancock Street, as authorized in Part II, subsection (1) of Decision No. 34956, dated January 27, 1942, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give not loss than five days notice to the Commission and the public of said abandonment.
 - (2) In conformity with the rules of this Commission, applicant shall concurrently cancel all passenger rate tariffs and time schodules in effect on this particular service.

II. Applicant is authorized to remove all tracks and ties in Hancock Street from the Parts Plant of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation to Harasthy Street.

III. Applicant is authorized to remove all poles, overhead structure and wire along Hancock Street and Kettner Boulevard from the Parts Flant of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation to "B" Street. A. 26952 HFC:MH P. 3 of 3

Within thirty days after completion, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hercof, unless time be extended or if above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

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

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