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Decision No. 38391

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the

LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES

For an order authorizing the abandonment as operative property and the sale of certain real property and improvements known as applicant's "Vernon Yard Lands," located in the City of Vernon, California.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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In this application, Los Angeles Transit Lines asks permission to abandon and sell property located in the City of Vernon, California, and more particularly described as follows:

"Lots 1 to 27, both inclusive, Lot 29 and that portion of Lot 28 lying Northerly of the Northerly line of that certain 40 foot strip of land described in the deed to the City of Vernon recorded in Bock 6012, Page 330, of Deeds, all in Block 50 of Huntington Park Extension No. 2, in the City of Vernon, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 11, Page 6, of Maps in the office of the County Recorder of Said County.

EXCEPTING from said Lot 29 that portion thereof included within the lines of the 17 foot strip of land described in deed to the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Company, recorded in Book 5960, Page 82, of Deeds, and also that portion of said Lot 29, lying Northerly and Easterly of said 17 foot strip.

AND ALSO EXCEPTING from the above that certain parcel of land upon which is now situate the Los Angeles Transit Lines' Vernon Substation, more particularly described as follows:

> A parcel of land being a portion of Block 50 of Huntington Park Extension No. 2 Tract, as per map recorded in Book 11, Page 6 of Maps, Records

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of Los Angeles County, and more particularly described as follows: to wit,

Beginning at a point in the southwest corner of Lot 24, thence north 0° 09' west a distance of one hundred forty-one and eightyfive hundredths (141.85) feet to a point; thence north 89° 51' east a distance of one hundred twenty-seven and sixty hundredths (127.60) feet to a point; thence south 0° 09' east, one hundred seventy and eightyone hundredths (170.81) feet to a point; thence north and west on an arc one hundred thirty and eighty-six hundredths (130.86) feet to the beginning of this description."

The improvements on said property consist of a small office building, a warehouse, a vault building, a transformer shop, a lumber shed, a sand house and minor structures. The land is recorded on applicant's books at \$435,223 and the structures at \$169,786. The depreciated cost of the structures is reported at \$70,453. Subject to the approval of the Commission, applicant has agreed to sell the properties to Consolidated Investment Company for \$640,000, payable \$150,000 in cash and the balance evidenced by a promissory note and deed of trust securing the same. The note is payable in annual installments of \$50,000 or more, the first payment being due January 1, 1947. The kien of the deed of trust covers all of said property except ekeven acres, seven of which the purchaser may sell and four will be used for a proposed private street and railroad right-ofway.

The property mentioned herein is known as the "Vernon Yard Lands". It has heretofore been used principally as a material yard in which ballast, nails, ties, poles and other items of property were stored. Because of a change in appl"cant's maintenance activities, the Vernon Yard Lands are no longer needed by it. Through a lease arrangement it is retaining the temporary use of about five acres, the transformer shop

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and vault. This will give it an opportunity to dispose of or remove to other divisions property not included in the sale price.

The order herein will grant applicant's request. The investment in such properties should be transferred from road and equipment accounts to account 404--Miscellaneous physical property. If applicant sustains any loss upon the sale of the properties, it should charge such loss to a profit and loss account and not to an operating expense account.

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The Commission has considered applicant's request and is of the opinion that this application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Los Angeles Transit Lines be, and it is hereby, authorized to abandon and sell or otherwise dispose of the properties described in the foregoing opinion.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted will become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this $\frac{3^{-1}}{2}$ day of November, 1945.

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