

Decision No. 38428

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 KEY SYSTEM, a corporation, for a)
 Certificate of Public Convenience)
 and Necessity to Operate Certain)
 Street Railway and Motor Coach Routes)
 in the Counties of Alameda and Contra)
 Costa, State of California.)

Application No. 19502
 85th Supplemental

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this supplemental application Key System seeks authority to discontinue service on its No. 2 street railway car line over Seventh Street from Broadway to Washington Street, and over San Pablo Avenue from Fifteenth Street to Fourteenth Street, but desires to retain operating rights over these routes for occasional and emergency use. Applicant proposes to operate its No. 2 San Pablo Avenue street railway cars on Washington Street from a southerly terminus between Sixth and Seventh Streets to the intersection of Washington Street and San Pablo Avenue, thence along San Pablo Avenue to the present northerly terminus at Ashby Avenue.

The primary purpose of the proposed discontinuance of service is to eliminate the No. 2 street railway cars on Broadway between Fourteenth and Seventh Streets, to eliminate loop riding which results in the loss of control of loading as well as inconvenience to persons waiting for northbound cars on Washington Street, and to avoid the right turn off Broadway into and operating along Seventh Street between Broadway and Washington Street which is a heavily congested area.

Applicant alleges that public convenience and necessity require the granting of this application and if this application is granted, applicant's patrons will be more adequately and conveniently served.

The proposed revisions in street railway service will tend to eliminate the existing heavy street railway car traffic on Broadway between Fourteenth and Seventh Streets, inasmuch as 14 cars will be diverted to Washington Street during the peak hours. This proposed revision of street railway service has the approval of the City of Oakland and the Downtown Property Owners' Association.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, that the proposed change in service is in the public interest, and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Key System is authorized to discontinue street railway service on its No. 2 Line over San Pablo Avenue from Fifteenth Street to Fourteenth Street; Broadway from Fourteenth Street to Seventh Street; and Seventh Street from Broadway to Washington Street, but is authorized to retain operating rights over this route for occasional and emergency use, and in lieu of the above described route the No. 2 street railway service shall be operated over Washington Street from a southerly terminus between Sixth and Seventh Streets to San Pablo Avenue, thence over its regularly described route on San Pablo Avenue to Ashby Avenue.

Existing fares and transfer rules with such modifications as are required by new routing of the street railway service shall remain in effect.

Applicant shall give notice to the public of the proposed change by conspicuously posting proper notice in all of its street railway cars and motor coaches for a period of at least five (5) days.

Within thirty (30) days thereafter applicant shall report to the Commission the change in service authorized herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of November, 1945.

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