

Decision No. 39125

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
 SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY,) Application No. 26961
 a corporation, to change the route) First Supplemental
 of its present "Route N" bus line)
 between 13th Street and 18th Street)
 in the City of National City.)

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests (1) authority to operate a passenger stage service between National City and Chula Vista along National Avenue as an extension of its present "Route N", and (2) a further amendment to said route by abandoning its present service on 18th Street between Taft Avenue (Bay Boulevard) and National Avenue by rerouting northerly along Taft Avenue.

In justification of the proposed extension southerly along National Avenue and the proposed loop change applicant states as follows:

"The proposed extension will serve an extensive Federal Housing Project which extends along both sides of National Avenue from 20th Street to 30th Street. The proposed extension will not only provide the said Federal Housing Project with closer public transportation but will eliminate the inconvenience to all of Applicant's patrons in that territory of Applicant's present right hand loop operation. The proposed abandonment of present one way loop service along 18th Street between Taft Avenue and National Avenue is in the public interest because the territory traversed is largely low, swampy and sparsely inhabited and the change of service herein proposed will

provide public transportation for all persons affected within a maximum distance of approximately 900 feet and without the inconvenience of one way loop operation.

"The proposed extension also will serve an urban community of considerable extent and a Federal Housing Project extending along National Avenue in the City of Chula Vista. This territory in the City of Chula Vista is of the same general character as the territory now served by Applicant on Applicant's parallel line along Third Avenue in Chula Vista.

"* * * The territory referred to is a natural extension of territory long served by Applicant into which Applicant would long since have extended its service except for Applicant's understanding of the operative rights of Pacific Greyhound Lines. Applicant is in a position to give the public a very much better service between 'H' Street in the City of Chula Vista and San Diego than is any other operator, and Applicant herein offers a better service to that territory than is being or can be offered by any other operator so far as Applicant is aware."

There is a public need for the proposed service along National Avenue and the proposed change in "Route N" is a desirable transportation improvement as it eliminates a large loop and because of indicated future industrial development on Bay Boulevard.

Applicant proposes no change in present fares for its proposed operation on 13th Street, McKinley Avenue, 18th Street and Taft Avenue. For the proposed extension of service to "H" Street in the City of Chula Vista, applicant proposes 30th Street as the dividing line between its third and fourth zones, which is the same dividing line between the same zones that applies to applicant's present parallel service on Highland Avenue.

Applicant proposes to route half its present service on "Route N" down 13th Street and around the McKinley Avenue and Taft Avenue loop and the other half on National Avenue to "H" Street in the City of Chula Vista. This will give a headway of approximately 10 minutes during peak and 15 minutes during off-peak hours on both legs of the new "Route N".

Pacific Greyhound Lines, which operates along National Avenue, has withdrawn its protest to the granting of this application. The City of National City has apprised this Commission that it favors the proposed extension and rerouting. The City of Chula Vista also supports the application.

Having fully considered this matter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed rerouting of "Route N" is in the public interest and that public convenience and necessity require the extension of applicant's present service as proposed. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. (1)

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above-entitled matter, and the Commission having found that public convenience

(1) A hearing was called in this proceeding at National City, February 7, 1946, before Examiner Chiesa. No evidence was adduced as applicant's motion that the matter be taken off calendar was granted. None of the parties to the proceeding opposed the motion. In the meantime protest has been withdrawn and the matter is therefore considered upon the verified application.

and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons between National City and Chula Vista and intermediate points.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (a) Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
- (b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and upon not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and 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.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described routes:

Beginning at the intersection of National Avenue and 13th Street in the City of National City, thence along National Avenue to its intersection with "H" Street in the City of Chula Vista.

Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

(3) That "Route N" appearing in ordering paragraph (1) of Decision No. 38315, dated October 19, 1945, be, and it hereby is, further amended to read as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Market Street and Sixth Avenue, in San Diego, thence along Market Street, Fourth Avenue, "E" Street, Sixth Avenue, Market Street, Twelfth Avenue, National Avenue, Sigsbee Street, Main Street, National Avenue in National City, 13th Street, McKinley Avenue, 18th Street, Taft Avenue, and the extension of Harbor Drive to 13th Street.

In all other respects Decision No. 38315 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of June, 1946.

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COMMISSIONERS