

Decision No. 39648

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY,)
a corporation, for a certificate of)
public convenience and necessity to)
operate motor buses for the trans-)
portation of passengers for compen-)
sation between points in the Cities)
of San Diego and Coronado, and for)
authority to substitute service by)
motor bus for street railway service)
on its street railway Lines 1, 3, 4,)
9 and 20 in said cities, and for)
authority to abandon service on)
certain streets in connection with)
such substitution of service.)

Application No. 27700

I N T E R I M O P I N I O N A N D O R D E R

In this application, filed July 20, 1946, San Diego Electric Railway Company seeks an order authorizing certain service changes in the operation of its local transportation system in and in the vicinity of the city of San Diego. These proposed changes include, among other things, substitution of motor coach for rail operation and, in turn, the abandonment of certain street car tracks.

A first supplement was filed in this application November 12, 1946, seeking an interim order authorizing the abandonment of operations over street car lines 4 and 12 and providing substitute service therefor through the operations of motor coach routes designated as J & K. The street car and bus routes referred to in this amended application are located wholly within the city of San Diego. The City Council and the Board of Directors of San Diego Chamber of Commerce have signified their approval of granting the relief sought in the amended application as evidenced by

resolutions, copies of which have been filed with the Commission.

In the amended application it is requested that the relief sought be granted immediately to permit providing an improved service to the public through the operation of new motor coaches which are now available and the discontinuance of street car service through the use of old equipment that should be retired. It is also alleged that this proposed change will permit a material reduction in the operating expenses in providing this service.

Upon review of this record it appears that the relief sought in the supplemental application should be granted with the understanding that the authority so granted will in no way effect the determination of the matters involved in the original application and with the further understanding that applicant will abide by any changes that may be necessary in this interim order to conform with the final determination of the matters involved in the original application which will be determined at a later date.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that San Diego Electric Railway Company is authorized to substitute motor coach service over routes designated as J and K for service now provided on its street car lines designated as 4 and 12, subject to the following provisions:

1. No track and overhead facilities shall be removed along said rail lines 4 and 12.
2. The authority herein granted is subject to change upon the disposition of the matters involved in the original application.
3. Applicant shall within 30 days from the date hereof accept the provisions of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Route K-2, as defined in the certificate granted by Decision No. 37737, as amended in paragraph 6, appearing at sheet 3 of Decision No. 37955, is hereby deleted therefrom and the Route K-1, as defined in Decision No. 38314, is hereby deleted therefrom.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate granted by Decision No. 37737 in Application No. 26570 is amended by including therein the following route descriptions:

Route J

"Commencing at the intersection of 32nd Street and Imperial Avenue; thence along Imperial Avenue to Tenth Avenue; thence along Tenth Avenue to K Street; thence along K Street to Fifth Avenue; thence along Fifth Avenue to E Street; thence along E Street to Third Avenue; thence along Third Avenue to G Street; and thence along G Street to Fifth Avenue."

Route K

"Commencing at the intersection of Market Street and Harbor Drive; thence along Harbor Drive to Broadway; thence along Broadway to 16th Street; thence along 16th Street to Logan Avenue; thence along Logan Avenue to 26th Street; thence along 26th Street to National Avenue; thence along National Avenue to Highland Avenue; thence along Highland Avenue to Logan Avenue; and thence along Logan Avenue to 46th Street; also

Commencing at the intersection of National Avenue and 32nd Street; and thence along 32nd Street to McCandless Boulevard."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said Decisions Nos. 37737, 37955 and 38314 shall in all other respects remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of November 1946.

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COMMISSIONERS