

Decision No. 39664

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)	
corporation, for an in lieu certificate))	
of public convenience and necessity, to))	Application No. 26636
extend Riverside-Arlington local motor)	6th Supplemental
coach service to La Sierra.)	

In the Matter of the Application of)	
RIVERSIDE TRANSIT LINES, a corporation)	
for rerouting of its Riverside-La)	Application No. 27834
Sierra Line and rerouting of its)	
Riverside-Canyon Crest Line.)	

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- DONOVAN K. KLAUS, for Transportation Committee of Chamber of Commerce of Arlington, interested party.
- MRS. J. H. PIPER, for La Sierra Community Club, interested party.
- A. A. CREE, for Citizens of La Sierra Community, interested party.
- DR. WILFRED J. AIREY, for La Sierra College, interested party.

O P I N I O N

The above-entitled matters came on for hearing at Arlington, Riverside County, on October 23, 1946, before Examiner Cannon and by consent of the parties were consolidated for the taking of evidence and decision. Both applicants seek certificates extending their passenger bus service in a westerly direction from the city of Riverside to a subdivision known as La Sierra Heights. Applicant Riverside Transit Lines also requests certain reroutings and abandonments.

Applicant Riverside Transit Company presently operates

between Riverside and Norco Navy Hospital and Corona and between Riverside and the Canyon Crest District northeast of Riverside.

In this application it proposes to:

- (1) ~~Abandon that portion of its Riverside-~~
Canyon Crest Line extending along First Street, between Market and Olive and rerouting said service along Third Street.
- (2) Abandon that portion of its Riverside-La Sierra route operating on Tyler Avenue, between Arlington Avenue and Wells Avenue, and on Holden Avenue between Hole Avenue and Arlington.
- (3) Obtain a certificate authorizing operation over California Street, commencing at the intersection of that street with Arlington Avenue, southwesterly to Van Buren Street, to Magnolia Avenue, to Hole Avenue, to Tyler Street, to Wells Avenue. Also, authority to operate on Pierce Street from the intersection of Hole Avenue, Pierce Street and Holden Avenue to the intersection of Sierra Vista Avenue.

Thirteen daily schedules each way are proposed on the rerouted Riverside-La Sierra Line, the first one leaving Riverside at 5:30 a.m. and the last one leaving at 11:30 p.m. For the purpose of establishing fares, the route is divided into three major zones, with a single zone fare of 10 cents, two zones 15 cents and three zones 20 cents.

Applicant Pacific Electric Railway Company, as part of its system, operates a passenger bus service between Riverside and Arlington, the latter being a suburban community approximately seven miles southwest of Riverside. The present route of its Riverside-Arlington Line extends from Riverside along Magnolia Avenue to Tyler Street in Arlington. It also operates its 5-C route over and along Magnolia Avenue to Corona.

Applicant now proposes to extend its Riverside-Arlington service from the intersection of Tyler Street and Magnolia Avenue,

via Tyler Street, Wells Avenue, Hole Avenue and Pierce Street to Sierra Vista Street at La Sierra, a distance of 3.1 miles. The proposed routes of the two applicants would parallel each other, one block apart, from Riverside to Arlington and would run over the same streets from the intersection of Hole Avenue and Tyler Street, thence over Wells Avenue to Pierce Street, and on to Sierra Vista.

The present Pacific Electric schedules on the Riverside-Arlington Line provide for 45 round trips daily except Sunday. It is proposed to operate 16 round trips daily on an approximate hourly headway between La Sierra and Arlington, as well as Riverside. An operating witness for this applicant testified that there were approximately 500 homes in the La Sierra District. A denominational college with some 30 dormitories and 1100 students is located in La Sierra near the proposed terminus of the line. Throughout the area there is an estimated population of 4000. This witness testified that the fare between Sierra Vista Street and Arlington (Magnolia Avenue and Van Buren Street) would be 10 cents each way, with 40-ride school tickets for \$2.50; between La Sierra and Casa Blanca (Magnolia Avenue and Madison Street) 17 cents one way with 40-ride school tickets for \$3.60, and between La Sierra and Riverside 20 cents one way with \$4.80 for school tickets.

The application of Pacific Electric is unanimously supported by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce with a membership of approximately 300. Witnesses authorized to appear on behalf of La Sierra College and La Sierra Community Club testified that their respective groups favored the granting of the Pacific Electric application. The testimony of several public witnesses was likewise favorable to the applicant's proposal. The city of

Riverside, by a letter to the Commission from the City Clerk, admitted the need for more adequate transportation in the Arlington-La Sierra area but expresses no choice as between the two applications.

There appears no doubt as to the necessity for additional transportation facilities to serve the area between Tyler Avenue and La Sierra and between La Sierra and Arlington, which presently is without public transportation, as well as the need for a through service between La Sierra and Riverside. While Riverside Transit Lines had a priority in filing, the record shows that officials of Pacific Electric Line had discussed the matter of the proposed extension with the chairman and members of the ~~transportation~~ ⁽²⁾ committee of the Chamber as early as August 22 of this year. Pacific Electric at that time had agreed to operate the proposed extension on Hole Street from Tyler Street due to the fact that Wells and Tyler Streets required widening for the bus operation. This matter was brought to the attention of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors who immediately ordered the improvement of said streets. As soon as this information was received, Pacific Electric filed its application on September 25, 1946.

In reviewing the record herein we find that there is need for a public transportation service between Riverside and La Sierra Heights, the volume of this traffic, however, is not sufficient to justify the proposed competitive services on an enduring financial basis and that Pacific Electric offers the better service from the public standpoint. In the matters of (1) Riverside Transit Application was filed September 7, 1946.

equipment, financial ability and frequency of service it is in a more advantageous position to serve the public in this area than Riverside Transit. (2) Application No. 26636, 6th Supplemental, will therefore be granted by amending applicant's present Route 5-C, as it appears in Appendix "A" to Decision No. 38827, in Application No. 26636. That portion of Application No. 27834 of Riverside Transit Company, requesting a rerouting of its Riverside-Canyon Crest Line along First Street in lieu of along Third Street, will be granted and in other respects denied.

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above-entitled matter and the Commission being duly advised, and hereby finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That Route 5-C as set forth in Appendix "A" in Decision No. 38827, dated April 9, 1946, in Application No. 26636, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Route 5-C

"From Chapman Avenue and Lemon Street, (Orange), via Lemon Street, Maple Avenue, Glassell Avenue, Orange-Olive Boulevard, Santa Ana Canyon Road (State Highway 18), 6th Street (Corona), Magnolia Avenue (Arlington) and Market Street to 7th Street (Riverside); also, from Tyler Street and Magnolia Avenue (Arlington), via Tyler Street, Wells Avenue, Hole Avenue, and Pierce Street, to Sierra Vista Street (La Sierra)."

(2) That said Decision No. 38827 shall in all other respects remain in full force and effect.

(2) Riverside Transit Company's balance sheet as of July 31, 1946, shows a net operating loss of \$2,567.57 for the first seven months of 1946.

(3) That Riverside Transit Company be and it hereby is authorized to discontinue and abandon that portion of its Riverside-Canyon Crest Line,

"Commencing at the intersection of Third Street and Market Street, in the City of Riverside; thence north along Market Street to First Street; thence east along First Street to Olive Street; thence south along Olive Street to Third Street."

as authorized in Decision No. 34756, and to operate instead along Third Street between Market Street and Olive Street in the City of Riverside.

(4) That in all other respects application No. 27834 is denied.

(5) That Pacific Electric Railway Company shall within 60 days from the effective date hereof and upon not less than 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 by filing in triplicate appropriate tariffs.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of November, 1946.

Harold P. Gule
Justin F. Greener
Frank P. [unclear]
W. A. D. [unclear]
R. E. [unclear]
COMMISSIONERS