

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 39900

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for Order)	
authorizing it to discontinue the)	Application No. 27907
handling of less-than-carload freight)	
at its Glendale Station.)	

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CARL G. E. KOERBER for Glendale
Transfer & Storage Company, Protestant.

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Southern Pacific Company requests authority to discontinue the handling of less-than-carload freight at its station in Glendale, California. (1)

The L.C.L. station of applicant is located in the vicinity of its Glendale Passenger station and the station grounds are congested with automobiles handling passengers from and to the passenger trains. Southern Pacific Company contends that the L.C.L. warehouse located at its station in Glendale is inadequate for the handling of its less-than-carload freight and, furthermore, there is not sufficient room to enlarge said warehouse or adjacent parking ground. Applicant proposes to use the freight station of Pacific Electric Railway Company at Glendale located on Maryland Avenue, between Broadway and Wilson Street, near the center of the business district of the city. This facility, in applicant's opinion, has sufficient room to handle its less-than-carload shipments as well as those of Pacific Electric Railway Company.

The record shows that the majority of both shippers and receivers of less-than-carload freight are located nearer

(1) An initial public hearing was held before Examiner Hall in Glendale on December 18, 1946, and the matter was taken under submission. Subsequently the matter was reopened and further hearing was held before Examiner Gorman at Los Angeles on January 17, 1947, at which time the matter was resubmitted.

the Pacific Electric Railway Company station than the Southern Pacific station with a resulting saving of approximately one mile and a half in trucking expense.

Applicant's L.C.L. freight will be handled from Los Angeles to Glendale by Pacific Motor Trucking Company trucks and there is sufficient room at the Pacific Electric Railway station for these trucks to maneuver as well as those of customers. Furthermore, the warehouse of Pacific Electric Railway Company is much larger than that of Southern Pacific Company and is better situated for the handling and storing of L.C.L. shipments.

The station area around Pacific Electric Railway station is now used in part for the parking of vehicles. It is the plan of Pacific Electric Railway Company to prohibit all of this parking in order to give ample room for trucks receiving or delivering L.C.L. freight.
(2)

Applicant is of the opinion that the facilities of Pacific Electric Railway freight station are ample to take care of its L.C.L. business as reflected by exhibits Nos. 1 and 3 filed in this proceeding as well as that of Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Although a large number of the users of Southern Pacific Company L.C.L. facilities were notified of the hearing none appeared in protest of the granting of the application, except the representative of the Glendale Transfer and Storage Company. He contends that the Pacific Electric Railway Company freight station is further removed from his operations than the existing Southern

(2) Exhibit No. 4 is a map showing both the Pacific Electric Railway Company warehouse and vacant area surrounding it for trucks to maneuver.

Pacific station and that the facilities at the proposed location are inadequate. He further contends that there would be congestion in and about Pacific Electric Railway station caused by trucks and other vehicles in that vicinity.

A review of the record leads us to the conclusion that the present L.C.L. warehouse of Southern Pacific Company is not adequate and, furthermore, that the proposed location will be more centrally located for the majority of its patrons and that the removal of parking in the area adjacent to Pacific Electric Railway freight station will provide sufficient room for trucks delivering and receiving freight. Therefore, the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Public hearings having been held and the matter being under submission,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to discontinue the handling of less-than-carload freight at its Glendale station subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Concurrently with the closing of its less-than-carload operation at its Glendale station, applicant shall continue to perform L.C.L. service at Pacific Electric Railway Company station in Glendale.
- (2) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public of said change.

For all other respects the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California January 28 1947.

Harold P. Kula
Justice J. C. ...
Justice ...
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COMMISSIONERS