

Decision No. 41465

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, for permission to substitute during certain periods motor coach service for rail passenger service on its Los Angeles-Sierra Madre Line, and for an in lieu certificate of public convenience and necessity.

20th Supplemental Application No. 26636

To establish San Marino-Sierra Madre Motor Coach Line.

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O P I N I O N

By the above-numbered supplemental application, Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger stage service between the cities of San Marino and Sierra Madre as a substitute for the present rail shuttle service. At this time applicant provides through rail passenger service between Los Angeles and Sierra Madre during the morning and afternoon peak periods on weekdays and during the morning and midday peak periods on Saturdays. Except for these peak periods, shuttle service is performed between Sierra Madre and San Marino by rail where passengers are transferred to or from applicant's Los Angeles-Monrovia-Glendora rail line. Through passenger rail service between Los Angeles and Sierra Madre is proposed to be continued during the morning and afternoon peaks.

As justification for this request applicant contends that the amount of travel on the line between Sierra Madre and San Marino during off-peak hours can readily be handled by motor coach; that a satisfactory service can be afforded, and that the substitution would materially reduce operating expenses. Such substitution conforms to Recommendation No. 31 contained in the Commission engineers' report dated June 16, 1947, in Case 4843, and would appear to be in the public interest. No changes in fares are involved and various civic organizations

as well as the City of Sierra Madre, have gone on record as endorsing the proposal.

Full consideration having been given the matter, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a "passenger stage" service as proposed herein. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

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

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between the cities of San Marino and Sierra Madre and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with applicant's present operative rights.
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 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 five (5) days' 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 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, Pacific Electric Railway Company shall conduct such passenger stage

operation over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Sierra Madre Boulevard in the city of San Marino, thence along Sierra Madre Boulevard, Baldwin Avenue and Highland Avenue to the intersection of Highland Avenue and Mountain Trail Avenue in the city of Sierra Madre. Also from the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Kersting Court via Kersting Court to Sierra Madre Boulevard.

Applicant is authorized to turn its motor coaches 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. Concurrently with the establishment of the passenger stage service provided for herein, applicant is authorized to discontinue the shuttle service performed by rail between the cities of Sierra Madre and San Marino. Five days' advance notice of the substitution shall be afforded the public by placing suitable signs in all equipment operated on the lines involved and at all stations affected.

Within thirty (30) days after effecting the substitution as authorized herein, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of April, 1948.

R. Z. Miranda
Justice F. Casper
Frank Powell
Harold Kule
Samuel L. Lott
Commissioners