

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 42178

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
the LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES for an)
order pursuant to Section 35 of the)
Public Utilities Act, authorizing)
applicant to operate street cars by)
one man.)

Application No. ²²⁵⁴⁹~~22459~~
Fourth Supplemental

(87)

O P I N I O N

Applicant herein requests authority to institute one-man operation of its No. 5 Rail Line during all operating hours, using any of applicant's one-man cars which are equipped with safety features for such operations. Applicant alleges that the cars proposed to be used will conform to all requirements which have heretofore been set out by this Commission in Decision No. 31866, dated March 27, 1939, on original Application No. 22549, and by decisions granted on applications supplemental thereto.

The record shows that the institution of such one-man operations on the No. 5 Line will result in a saving of labor expense, make universal and uniform the one-man cars throughout the downtown area, and eliminate the confusion at loading zones presently resulting from the use of both two- and one-man cars. With the institution of a one-man operation on the No. 5 Line, loading on all lines in the downtown area will uniformly be at the front of the cars. It is further alleged that the service offered on the No. 5 line is no different from the service offered on applicant's other rail lines where one-man operations are now authorized. The

record shows that sufficient equipment will be available to institute a full one-man operation on the No. 5 Line by January 31, 1949. Suitable one-man cars will be obtained by releasing equipment from other lines incident to the putting into effect of authorized changes in the company's operations. These changes will follow the acquisition of forty new streetcars which are presently on order, delivery of which is expected within the next sixty days.

This matter has been considered by the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles and on September 14, 1948, that Board approved the institution of one-man operations on applicant's No. 5 Line with the finding that such operations would be in the public interest.

In view of the fact that other lines of applicant have been converted to one-man operations upon the approval of this Commission, and in view of the fact that the reasons for, and benefits to be derived from, such conversions have been thoroughly considered in prior decisions of this Commission, it is believed that no detailed analysis need be set out in this order.

After careful consideration of all of the evidence in this proceeding, we are of the opinion, and hereby conclude, that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Los Angeles Transit Lines be, and it hereby is, authorized to institute one-man operations on all of its No. 5 Rail Line during all operating hours, subject to the conditions set forth in Decision No. 31866, dated March 27, 1939, on Application No. 22549.

In all other respects the conditions in Decision No. 31866 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 26th day of October, 1948.

R. B. [Signature]
Justice F. [Signature]
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Harold P. [Signature]
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COMMISSIONERS