

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 44298

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 ROBERT LANDIER for permission to )  
 abandon passenger motor coach service )  
 between the intersection of 6th Street )  
 and Pacific Avenue, and the intersec- )  
 tion of Passport Drive and Seaport Drive ) Application No. 31199  
 in San Pedro, City of Los Angeles, County )  
 of Los Angeles, State of California, which )  
 said passenger motor coach service is com- )  
 monly known and referred to as "The Western )  
 Terrace Bus Line". )

George M. Stephenson for applicant. C. H. Soothill for  
 the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of  
 Los Angeles, interested party.

O P I N I O N

Robert Landier requests authority to discontinue and  
 abandon his operation of service as a passenger stage corporation,  
 as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the trans-  
 portation of passengers, over his route entitled "The Western Ter-  
 race Bus Line". The route has been operated under authority of a  
 certificate of convenience and necessity granted by this Commission,  
 on August 29, 1949, by Decision No. 43263, on Application No. 30438.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe at San  
 Pedro on May 29, 1950, at which time oral and documentary evidence  
 was adduced and the matter was submitted for decision.

Notice of hearing and of the proposed abandonment was,  
 according to the evidence, duly posted in all the buses operating  
 over the Western Terrace Bus Line from April 24, 1950, through

May 29, 1950. No one protested the granting of the application for abandonment herein.

According to the testimony of applicant the principal purpose of the Western Terrace Line has been to serve a war-time housing project of temporary quality construction known as Western Terrace. When this line was instituted in 1945 the project contained 1000 occupied units. At present only 185 of the units are occupied. The city housing authority intends to entirely abandon this housing facility and is refusing all new applicants and is encouraging those presently residing there to move away by providing rental housing for them at other units so that the structures composing Western Terrace may be removed.

The requested abandonment of this bus line will not leave the presently remaining occupants of said project completely without public transportation. Pacific Electric Railway operates an interurban bus service between Long Beach, Wilmington, and San Pedro. This bus service extends along San Pedro-Wilmington Road past the intersection of Seaport Drive and follows the route of the Western Terrace Bus Line on into San Pedro to the intersection of 6th Street and Harbor Boulevard. At the latter point other carriers' lines intersect and afford transportation to 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. The intersection of Seaport Drive and San Pedro-Wilmington Road is within reasonable walking distance from the farthest point of said Western Terrace housing project.

According to the testimony of applicant and of his accountant and auditor, this bus line has not been profitable for the last year. During the last eight months of 1949 and the first month of 1950 this line has shown a loss of approximately Three Thousand

Dollars. This loss has continued in spite of applicant's efforts to reduce operating expense. Applicant's accountant and auditor estimates that, if the operation continues through the present year, the annual loss will be about \$5,000 from this one line.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding, it is found as a fact that applicant's Western Terrace motor bus operation has not recently been, and cannot be made, profitable and that the public interest will not be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment. Accordingly, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the Commission having been fully advised in the premises and the matter being under submission,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Robert Landier be, and he hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue his passenger stage service in the San Pedro district of the City of Los Angeles described as follows:

"From 6th Street along Pacific Avenue, 5th Street, Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro-Wilmington Road, Seaport Drive to Passport Drive. Also, from Seaport Drive along Stockton Drive and Passport Drive to Seaport Drive".

(2) That the applicant be, and he hereby is, authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations, and schedules applying to said Western Terrace Bus Line.

(3) That the operating rights conferred under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Robert Landier in the order in Decision No. 43263, dated August 29,

1949, on Application No. 30438, over said described route known as Western Terrace Bus Line, be, and the same hereby are, revoked and rescinded.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after its date.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1950.

A. Z. Anderson  
Justice F. Casper  
Don P. Luce  
Harold P. Kula  
Penwell Patten  
 COMMISSIONERS