

Decision No. 45796**ORIGINAL**

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 make
 certain changes in its rail system,
 including abandonments of certain
 portions of its railway lines and
 discontinuance or reduction of rail
 passenger service on certain other
 portions of its railway system.

Application No. 23053

O R D E R

By its petition in this proceeding, filed on March 26, 1951, applicant seeks the Commission's authority to continue in regular service nine 1686-class motor coaches for a period of five years from June 30, 1951. Applicant proposes to install 671-type G.M.C. Diesel engines in these units, completely overhaul the front and rear axle assemblies, completely overhaul the clutch, throttle, and shifting mechanism, reupholster the seats, and repaint the interior and exterior, at an estimated cost of \$2,500 per coach. In addition to the specific items enumerated above, it is applicant's intention to make such other changes, additions, or repairs as may be necessary to put these coaches in first-class condition.

Careful consideration of the facts involved leads to the conclusion that it would be an economic waste not to rehabilitate these coaches and that, upon completion of the rehabilitation, they will be entirely suitable for operation on many lines of applicant's system.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company may continue using motor coaches Nos. 1686-1694, both numbers inclusive, until June 30, 1956, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Each of the coaches shall be rehabilitated along the general lines described herein.
- (2) The program of rebuilding these units shall be observed by representatives of the Commission's staff at various stages of the reconstruction, and any reasonable changes or alterations recommended by them, in addition to those proposed by applicant, shall be incorporated in the rebuilt equipment.
- (3) Applicant shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, advise the Commission of its completion of the program authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within six (6) months from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 5th day of June, 1951.

R. Z. [Signature]
Harold A. [Signature]
John E. [Signature]

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