

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 47362

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a	)	
corporation, for authority to re-	)	
place rail service on its Los Angeles-	)	Application No. 33243
Van Nuys and Los Angeles-West	)	Second Supplemental
Hollywood Lines with motor coach	)	
service.	)	

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 47565, dated August 11, 1952, in Application No. 33243, the Pacific Electric Railway Company was authorized to discontinue rail passenger service on the Los Angeles-Van Nuys and the Los Angeles-West Hollywood Lines and to substitute therefor a motor coach service. Among other conditions, the following were set out:

"(6) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted there shall be compliance with the following service regulations:

- "(a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- "(b) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date hereof, and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

"(7) That the abandonments and substitutions of rail service hereinabove authorized are subject to the following conditions:

- "(a) Changes in service shall be made only after thirty (30) days' notice to this Commission and to the public, and where motor coach service is to be substituted for rail service said motor coach service shall be inaugurated coincident with the abandonment of rail service.
- "(b) Motor coaches to be purchased shall be new, modern equipment and shall be equal or superior to the equipment described at the hearings in these proceedings in connection with the company's proposals. Particularly, shall such equipment contain forced ventilation and shall be designed in such a manner as to reduce noise, fumes, and odors to a practical minimum. Before any motor coach equipment is substituted for rail service, the company shall submit detailed specifications to this Commission and secure the Commission's approval".

The company filed a written acceptance of this certificate on August 18, 1952, and on August 26, 1952, placed an order with the General Motors Company for 35 new motor coaches.

In the instant application it is alleged that, due to delays resulting from national shortages of materials, the 35 new motor coaches will not be delivered until March of 1953, and attached to the application is a letter from the General Motors Company verifying this fact.

By Decision No. 46773, dated February 19, 1952, in Application No. 32877, the Department of Public Works of the State of California was authorized to construct the inbound section of the Hollywood Freeway (State Highway Route 2) at separated grades over the tracks of the Pacific Electric Railway Company's Los Angeles-Van Nuys Line. Pursuant to this

authorization the Department of Public Works has requested Pacific Electric Railway Company to discontinue rail service prior to January 1, 1953, in order to prevent delays in the construction of the Hollywood Freeway. The letter containing this request is dated November 3, 1952, and a copy thereof is attached to the application. Applicant alleges that if it is required to maintain rail service until the new buses are obtained, it will require additional expenditures to change the rail facilities in order to permit construction of the freeway in the amount of approximately \$40,000 by the applicant and \$30,000 by the State of California.

Applicant now proposes to replace passenger service with motor coach service on the Los Angeles-Van Nuys Line on December 28, 1952. It is alleged that there are a sufficient number of the recently purchased 2701-2800 class motor coaches available to conduct this new service pending the receipt of the 35 new motor coaches. Applicant advises that these coaches can be used on this line without impairing existing services on any other motor coach line operated by it. The City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Utilities and Transportation, has recommended approval of this proposal upon the condition that this substitute equipment will be used for an interim period which will terminate as soon as the new coaches are received, and, further, that the company be directed to expend all reasonable efforts towards securing the delivery of the new motor coaches as soon as possible. The Chambers of Commerce of Van Nuys and North Hollywood and the Downtown

Business Men's Association have been advised of this proposal and have endorsed it.

The instant application also alleges that it will not be possible to replace the Los Angeles-West Hollywood rail passenger line with motor coaches until the 35 new motor coaches are received. It is doubtful that these new motor coaches will be received within the time limit provided in Paragraph 6(b) of Decision No. 47565, supra, therefore, the applicant requests that the authority granted by Decision No. 47565 in this respect be extended until May 1, 1953.

After a thorough consideration of this matter we find that the proposals herein are not adverse to the public interest and will, therefore, be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding it not to be adverse to the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Paragraph 6(b) of Decision No. 47565, dated August 11, 1952, in Application No. 33243, be amended to read as follows:

- (b) On or before May 1, 1953, and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to this Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

(2) That a new section be added to Paragraph 7 of Decision No. 47565, supra, to be designated as (7)(c) and to read as follows:

- (c) During an interim period not to extend beyond May 1, 1953, the requirements of section (b) of Paragraph 7 herein shall be temporarily suspended in that during this interim period applicant is hereby authorized to use seventeen (17) motor coaches of the 2701-2800 class on the Los Angeles-Van Nuys Line.

In all other respects Decision No. 47565 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of November, 1952.

A. J. [Signature]  
President  
Justice J. [Signature]  
Harold P. [Signature]  
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Commissioners