

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 51274

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES, a corpo-
ration, for authority to make certain
changes in its system, including the
substitution of motor coach service
for certain rail service, modification
of routes, abandonment of certain
lines and facilities and other changes.

Application No. 35728

Application of METROPOLITAN COACH LINES,
a corporation, for authority to make
certain extensions and rerouting of the
following motor coach lines, all
located in the City of Los Angeles:
VAN NUYS-BIRMINGHAM HOSPITAL LINE,
ROUTE #85 VAN NUYS-CANOCA PARK LINE,
ROUTE #90 VAN NUYS-SAN FERNANDO LINE,
ROUTE #84 HOLLYWOOD-VENTURA BOULEVARD
LINE, ROUTE #81.

Application No. 35737

In the Matter of the Application of
METROPOLITAN COACH LINES, a corpo-
ration, for authority to replace rail
service on the Subway-Glendale-Burbank
rail line with motor coach service and
to combine said motor coach line with
existing Line 75, Los Angeles-Santa
Monica-Venice.

Application No. 34990

In the Matter of the Application of
LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES, a corpora-
tion, and METROPOLITAN COACH LINES, a
corporation, for authority to adjust
rates.

Application No. 35601

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, by Max Eddy Utt, for
Los Angeles Transit Lines; Waldo K. Greiner,
for Metropolitan Coach Lines, applicants.
Alan G. Campbell, Assistant City Attorney, for
City of Los Angeles; Wilson E. Carter, for
Inglewood Chamber of Commerce; Kenneth Johanson,
for City of Inglewood; Theodore K. Resmey, in
propria persona; Carl F. Fennema, for Downtown
Business Men's Association; Robert Reed,
George Hadley, Reginald B. Pegram, Ray M. Steel,
for Department of Public Works, Division of
Highways of State of California; Henry McClernan,
City Attorney, and John H. Lauten, Assistant
City Attorney, for City of Glendale, interested
parties.

Harold J. McCarthy, Senior Counsel, for the staff
of the Public Utilities Commission of the
State of California.

INTERIM OPINION

By Decision No. 50734, dated November 3, 1954, in Applications Nos. 35601, 35653, 35728 and 35737, this Commission authorized Los Angeles Transit Lines to substitute motor coach service for its existing rail passenger service on Lines "F", 5, 7, 8 and portions of "W" and 9. The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles,¹ by its tentative resolution dated November 23, 1954, which was affirmed by its Order No. 151, dated February 8, 1955, denied the request of Los Angeles Transit Lines to make these substitutions. On February 7, 1955, this Commission issued its order directing Los Angeles Transit Lines, the aforesaid City Board and other interested parties, to show cause why the order in Decision No. 50734 should not be made mandatory. The matter was taken under submission at a hearing held on February 23, 1955, in Los Angeles. The City Board did not enter an appearance at the hearing.

The Board, by letter and telegram dated March 25, 1955, now requests that the Commission set aside the submission on the order to show cause and reopen the matter so that additional "pertinent information" resulting from "present situations which have developed" may be presented before the Commission issues its final order.

We are of the opinion that the City Board should be afforded an opportunity to present its evidence at a further hearing. However, this will be accomplished by means of the interim order which follows rather than through setting aside submission as proposed. In view of the amount of time which has elapsed since Decision No. 50734 was issued, however, an immediate further hearing is justified and will be scheduled.

¹ Hereinafter referred to as the City Board. ~~The order was directed also to Metropolitan Coach Lines, but the hearing with respect to that company was continued to a date to be set and it is not involved in the present interim order.~~ *OSM*

INTERIM ORDER

The Commission having been fully advised in the premises and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That a further public hearing on the order to show cause, dated February 7, 1955, why the orders in Decision 50734 should not be made mandatory, be set for the Commission's courtroom at Los Angeles on March 30, 1955, at the hour of 10 a.m. before Commissioner Ray E. Untereiner and Examiner Grant E. Syphers.

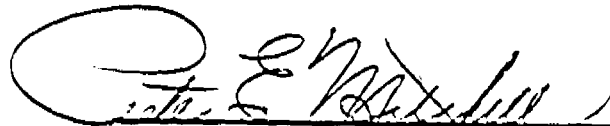
2. That the purposes of the said hearing be as follows:

- a. To permit the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, either as a Board or as individual members thereof, to enter a formal appearance or appearances in the proceedings.
- b. To permit the said Board or its individual members to move that the order of submission in the said matter be vacated and set aside.
- c. To provide the Commission with a full explanation of the "present situations that have developed" and the "pertinent information" referred to in the said Board's letter to the Commission dated March 25, 1955, on which the Board relies as justification for its motion to vacate and set aside the order of submission.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, considering all the circumstances of this case, notice to the said City Board by telephone and/or telegram, not less than twelve hours before the time set for the hearing, shall be deemed to be due and adequate notice, it being hereby found that public convenience and necessity so require.

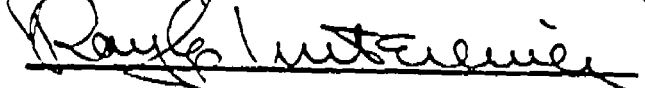
The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of March, 1955.



 President





Commissioners
 Commissioner ~~Matthew J. Dealey~~, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.