Decision No. 53357

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the CITY OF GLENDORA for an order authorizing the acquisition of property of the Pacific Electric Railway Company in Glendora and approving the discontinuance of rail services thereover.

Application No. 37863

L. A. Shelton, City Attorney, for City of Glendora, applicant.

E. D. Yeomans, for Pacific Electric Railway Company, interested party.

OPINION

The City of Glendora requests authority from this Commission to acquire certain properties of the Pacific Electric Railway Company and to remove therefrom certain tracks and a small building which was formerly used as a freight station.

A public hearing was held in Glendora on June 4, 1956, before Examiner Grant E. Syphers, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter submitted. It now is ready for decision.

The property proposed to be acquired by the City of Glendora has been the subject of an interlocutory judgment in a condemnation action in the Superior Court, Los Angeles, California, entered on November 29, 1955. This judgment awards the Pacific Electric Railway Company the sum of \$47,400 as compensation for the property.

It was pointed out at the hearing that the property and tracks involved are not now used by the railway and the railway does not oppose the application. The facilities have been rearranged so that the same service which was formerly provided over the tracks in question is now provided in another manner. In lieu of the team track

service formerly provided over these facilities, the Pacific Electric Railway Company maintains a team track approximately four blocks west of the said facility.

The trackage involved consists of approximately 2,000 feet of single track extending along a private right of way from Pennsylvania Avenue on the west to Minnesota Avenue on the east, all in the City of Glendora. In addition there are two spur tracks, one approximately 450 feet in length and the other approximately 550 feet in length. At the approximate center of this trackage there is a frame building formerly used as a freight depot. The City proposes to use the property acquired for off-street parking purposes.

A consideration of all of the evidence in this matter leads us to the conclusion and we now find that it is in the public interest to permit the City of Glendora to purchase the property described in the application and to permit Pacific Electric Railway Company to abandon the trackage and facilities hereinabove described and to discontinue any service thereon.

ORDER

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

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized to abandon its trackage and facilities in an existing private right of way between Pennsylvania Avenue on the west and Minnesota Avenue on the east, in the City of Glendora, and to discontinue any rail service thereon.

(2) That the City of Glendora is authorized to acquire from the Pacific Electric Railway Company the property described in the application for the sum of \$47,400.

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

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