Decision No. ___55377___   ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of)
V. M. MCDONALD and J. D. HANSEN)
dba SAN PEDRO TRANSIT LINES to   )   Application No. 39103
discontinue service on a portion)
of the route known as the   )
Northwest Line.   )
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Vernon M. McDonald, for applicant.
Henry J. Ruggles, for Western View Homes Association, Inc.,
    protestant.
Hilton H. Nichols, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to discontinue passenger stage
service on that portion of its Northwest Line in San Pedro which is
westerly of the intersection of Bandini Street and 3rd Street.
Service on the remaining portion of said line will be continued as
part of applicant's La Rambla Line by extending the latter line
along Harbor Boulevard to Knoll Drive, the present eastern terminus
of the Northwest Line.

A public hearing was held in San Pedro on June 28, 1957,
before Examiner Mark V. Chiesa. Oral and documentary evidence hav-
ing been adduced the matter was submitted for decision.

The evidence shows that for the seven-month period of
October, 1956, through April, 1957, applicant's total revenue on said
line was $1,561.46, and its total expenses were $4,645.50, or an
average monthly loss of $440.57. The operation for the months of
May and June, 1957, resulted in approximately the same amount of
loss (Exhibit No. 1 and Exhibit B filed with the application).

Applicant has been operating ten schedules per day between the hours of 7:15 a.m. and 5:50 p.m., except that no service is provided on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. The daily average number of passengers was approximately 101 or an average of approximately five passengers per one-way trip. Between twenty and forty of said fares were school ticket fares, some of which applicant carried on the return trip on a free transfer (Decision No. 54752).

Protestant's position is that the area west of Western Avenue and north of Santa Cruz Street, consisting of approximately 600 homes, will be without public transportation if applicant is permitted to discontinue its service. The evidence clearly shows that the residents in the area are not patronizing the service sufficiently to justify its continuance. Applicant's La Rambla Line is also operating at a loss although not to the extent of the Northwest Line. A continuation of the Northwest Line service would eventually result in much higher fares for all of applicant's patrons.

The Commission having considered the evidence is of the opinion that applicant's request is justified and therefore the application will be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Vernon M. McDonald and John D. Hansen, doing business as San Pedro Transit Lines, be, and they hereby are, authorized to discontinue passenger stage service along the following portion of

its Northwest Line (Appendix A of Decision No. 53000):

        Beginning at the intersection of Bandini Street
        and 3rd Street, thence along 3rd Street,
        Patton Avenue, 1st Street, Western Avenue,
        Santa Cruz Street, Wycliff Avenue, General Street,
        Fairhill Drive, Enrose Avenue, Trotwood Avenue,
        Trudie Drive, Western Avenue, Coralmont Drive,
        Channel Heights Drive, Western Avenue to 1st
        Street.

(2) That applicant shall continue to operate the remaining portion of said Northwest Line, between Knoll Drive and Bandini Street, as described in said Appendix A of Decision No. 53000, as a part of its present La Rambla Line.

(3) That applicant shall post in all of its buses and at its termini an explanatory notice of said route discontinuance and change as herein authorized, for a period of not less than five days prior to the discontinuance of service.

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

Dated at _____ San Francisco _____, California, this 5th day of _August_____, 1957.

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President

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Commissioners

Commissioner _____ Ray E. Untereiner _____, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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