

Decision No. 58240

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for)	
authority to amend Routing Guide and)	
Distance Table and of PACIFIC)	Application No. 40825
SOUTHCOAST FREIGHT BUREAU for authority))	
to adjust certain rates in consequence))	
of partial abandonment of Pacific Elec-)	
tric Railway Company's Newport Line.))	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks authority to make certain changes in its routing guide and distance table; and Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau seeks authority to amend certain rates set forth in its tariffs for the transportation of cement, rock, sand, gravel, petroleum and petroleum products, gypsum and plaster products, paper and paper articles, fertilizers, acids, vehicles or vehicle parts and certain arbitrary rates.¹

The application states that by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission dated January 20, 1958, in Finance Docket No. 19962, Pacific Electric Railway Company was authorized to abandon approximately three miles of its Newport Line within the City of Long Beach between the stations of East Long Beach and Seal Beach. It further states that due to this abandonment traffic formerly routed between East Long Beach and Seal Beach through Naples must now be transported over a longer route via Stanton and Watts.

Applicant Pacific Electric Railway Company alleges that the published changes in its routing guide and distance table will

¹The rates are set forth in Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Tariffs Nos. 88-T, 166-G, 252-D, 273-A, 274, 276, 295-B and 300.

reflect the physical changes which resulted from the above mentioned abandonment. According to the application, increased distances between Huntington Beach, on the one hand, and Dominguez and points beyond, on the other hand, will result. The application alleges that the increased distances are technical only inasmuch as there is no movement of any commodity between points on its line in intrastate commerce on which distance rates are assessed.

The authority sought by Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau is requested in order to preclude potential long-and-short haul departures. This applicant would increase the carload commodity rates for those commodities hereinabove mentioned to the level applicable at the highest-rated intermediate point on the new route. It is alleged that, although a number of rates are involved, the actual effect of the changes proposed will be largely technical. According to the application, a study of the traffic moved during 1957 and the first eight months of 1958 disclosed that the only traffic which would have been affected was eight carloads of plaster and plaster board.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed changes, including any increases resulting therefrom, are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized to amend its Freight Tariff No. 270 (Routing Guide) and Freight Tariff No. 273 (Mileage Table) as proposed in this application.

(2) That Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau is hereby authorized, on behalf of the common carriers parties thereto, to increase rates in its tariffs as proposed in this application.

(3) That the authorities hereinabove granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of April, 1959.

Leo Fox
President
Walter H. Hill
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Harold Jensen
Ernest D. Page
Commissioners