

Decision No. 61018

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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 and )  
Railway Express Agency, Inc. for )  
Authority to Discontinue Agency at )  
La Verne, City of La Verne, County )  
of Los Angeles, State of California, )  
and to maintain said station as a )  
Class A non-agency. )

Application No. 42516

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for Pacific Electric Railway Company and  
Railway Express Agency, Inc., applicants.

O P I N I O N

Applicants request authority to discontinue agency service at La Verne, California, and to maintain said station as a nonagency.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Martin J. Porter at Los Angeles on September 22, 1960, and the matter was submitted.

No persons appeared at the above-mentioned hearing to protest said application.

Exhibit No. 5 shows that the gross operating revenue associated with traffic originating and terminating at La Verne, California, for a twelve-month period ending June 30, 1959, was \$35,880 and for a twelve-month period ending June 30, 1960, was \$14,333. ✓

Gross revenue to Railway Express Agency, Inc., attributive to the La Verne station was \$13,409.49 for the twelve months ending June 30, 1959, and \$13,343.11 for the twelve months ending June 30, 1960.

Exhibit No. 4 shows as follows:

Pacific Electric Railway Company Volume of  
Business Handled at La Verne, California  
Agency During Two Twelve-Month Periods  
Ending June 30, 1959, and June 30, 1960

	<u>Twelve Months Ending June 30, 1959</u>		<u>Twelve Months Ending June 30, 1960</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Day*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Day*</u>
Freight Carloads				
a. Forwarded	332	1.31	89	.35
b. Received	28	.11	39	.15
Freight Less than Carload Total Tons				
a. Forwarded	13	.05	30	.12
b. Received	6	.02	4	.02
Railway Express Shipments	1,800	7.09	1,844	7.26

\* 254 working days

Evidence was presented that indicates that if La Verne, California, is operated as a nonagency station and the business is handled from the Upland, California, agency the net annual savings would be \$6,444.

The Upland agency is 7.1 miles from La Verne and the highway is parallel to the railway tracks.

There will be no change in the physical handling of carload freight traffic originating at or destined to La Verne, California.

Less carload freight will continue to be handled to and from La Verne, California, by direct pickup and delivery service.

A representative of the Upland, California, agency will visit carload customers at La Verne daily or as often as necessary to assist in the handling of details of current business.

Toll-free phone service will be available at Upland for use of La Verne patrons.

In regard to the railway express shipments evidence was presented showing for a twelve-month period ending June 30, 1960, that the average shipments per day are 7.26; further, that at present the Express Agency is performing pickup and delivery in the City of La Verne, which service is not authorized. It was alleged that if said unauthorized service were discontinued the number of daily shipments would be substantially reduced.

It is proposed to handle railway express shipments from Pomona which is approximately 4 highway miles from La Verne. Toll-free phone service to the Pomona station will be afforded the patrons at La Verne.

After consideration of all the evidence the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require an agency at La Verne, California, for either applicant.

The relief requested will be authorized.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and based upon the evidence therein adduced,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Pacific Electric Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are authorized to discontinue their respective agencies at La Verne, California, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Pacific Electric Railway Company shall maintain said station in a Class A nonagency status.
- b. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of the agencies at La Verne, Pacific Electric Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station and, within ninety days after the effective date hereof

and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, Pacific Electric Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall file in triplicate amendments to their tariffs showing the change authorized herein and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the changes. In no event shall the agent be removed pursuant to the authority hereinabove granted earlier than the effective date of the tariff filings required hereunder.

- c. Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, Pacific Electric Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall notify this Commission in writing thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of NOVEMBER, 1960.

[Signature] President  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Theodore J. Jessor Commissioners

Commissioner Everett C. McKee, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.