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- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Case No. 1953

In the Matter of the Application
of the Utah Light & Traction Com-
pany to remove certain of its street
car tracks in Salt Lake City (West
Temple - from First North to Second
West and from Fifth South to Thir-
teenth South.)

Submitted: May 28, 1937

Decided: June 1, 1937

Appearances:

Calvin Behle, Attorney	for Utah Light & Traction Company
Gerald Irvine, "	" Salt Lake City
John B. Matheson, Com- missioner	" Salt Lake City

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

By the Commission:

On May 13, 1937 the Utah Light & Traction Company of Salt Lake City filed an application in writing with the Public Service Commission of Utah to remove certain of its street car tracks in Salt Lake City, hereinafter described and shown as Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

The matter came on regularly for hearing before the Commission at its office in the State Capitol in Salt Lake City on Friday, May 28, 1937. There were no protests, either written or verbal, against the granting of this application, but on the contrary Salt Lake City Corporation, represented by John B. Matheson, City Commissioner and Gerald Irvine, City Attorney, joined with the Utah Light and Traction Company and requested the Commission to grant the application.

From the testimony introduced at the hearing, and from the records and files in the case, all of which are referred to and by this reference made a part hereof, the Commission finds and reports

as follows:

That applicant is a corporation of the State of Utah with its principal place of business at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah,

That applicant heretofore in Case No. 965 filed with this Commission a copy of the agreement of consolidation by which said Utah Light & Traction Company was formed and which agreement is made a part hereof by reference,

That applicant owns and operates an electric street railway, trolley coach, and automobile bus system in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake and Davis Counties, in the State of Utah, the assessed valuation of which is in excess of \$1,000,000, and applicant is possessed of the financial resources required for the purposes of this petition.

As a part of its street railway, trolley, and bus system in Salt Lake City, applicant owns and in the past has operated a street car line extending from Fifth South Street to Thirteenth South Street in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, and from First South Street to First North Street in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, all on West Temple Street of said City, and from the corner of said First North and West Temple west on First North to Second West Streets, as is more particularly shown in red on the drawing attached to the application, marked Exhibit "A" and by reference incorporated in and made a part of this application.

That for some months last past the said tracks between Fifth South and Thirteenth South on West Temple Streets have not been in use and any service rendered by applicant by said street car line once operated as aforesaid, has been rendered by electric coaches or gas buses.

That the said tracks between First South and First North on West Temple and thence west on First North to Second West, for some months last past, have not been used in connection with the operation of a regular service line; that the only use of said tracks has been

by trippers and special excursions to the West High School; that applicant plans to render such service hereafter by either gas buses or electric coaches which can serve the said West High School via North Temple and Second West Streets of said City; that a large part of said trackage is located upon an unpaved street and that unless said tracks are removed it will be necessary for applicant and Salt Lake City to perform considerable repairs in connection with said street and the tracks therein situated.

From the findings aforesaid, the Commission concludes and decides that the application herein should be granted as applied for.

An appropriate order will follow.

Attest

Herbert S. Larson

Secretary

Ward C. Holbrook
Chas. W. Hussey

Commissioners