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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of  
UTAH LIGHT & TRACTION COMPANY  
for permission to discontinue street  
car service, and to abandon and re-  
move its street car tracks, poles  
and overhead on Fifth South Street  
from Thirteenth East east to the  
University of Utah Stadium.

Case No. 2362

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

Submitted: April 18, 1940

Issued: May 1, 1940

### Appearances:

Calvin Behle and George R. Corey, Attorneys	for Applicant
John Rice, Attorney	" State of Utah
E. L. Schoenholz	" General Public
John Berry	" General Public

### By the Commission:

On the 2nd day of April, 1940, the above-named applicant made application to this Commission for permission to discontinue street car service and to abandon and remove its street car tracks, poles and overhead on Fifth South Street from Thirteenth East east to the University of Utah Stadium.

The application was set for hearing at the office of the Commission, 311 State Capitol, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 18th day of April, 1940. All interested parties were given due and legal notice thereof.

From the testimony adduced at said hearing, and from the record and files in this case, which are made a part hereof by reference, the Commission finds:

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, electric coach and motor bus system in Salt Lake County and in Salt Lake City, in the State of Utah, the assessed valuation of which is in excess of \$1,200,000; that applicant is possessed of the financial resources required for the purposes of this petition.

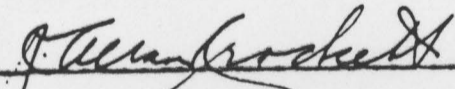
That as a part of its electric street railway, electric coach and motor bus system, applicant owns and operates a certain route in Salt Lake City, Utah, known as Route No. 5, extending from the business district of Salt Lake City via First South Street east to Thirteenth East Street and thence south on Thirteenth East Street to a terminus at Thirteenth East and Ninth South Streets; that included as a part of said route and used in connection with functions held at the University of Utah is a single track extension from Thirteenth East east on Fifth South Street to the University of Utah Stadium; that the operations on said Route No. 5, including said extension, are electric street railway operations with the exception of Sundays and holidays, and evenings after 7:00 p. m., at which time motor busses are substituted.

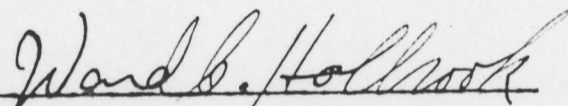
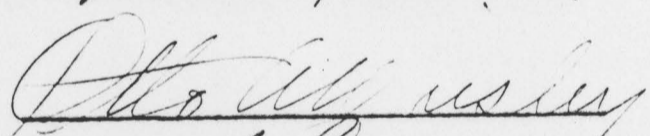
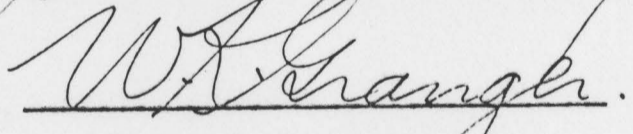
That said Fifth South Street in recent years has been made a part of the State Highway System and extensive repairs and improvements to said street are contemplated by the State Road Commission; that said contemplated improvements would interfere with the continuance of street railway operation on said Fifth South Street, and that service could be rendered to the University of Utah Stadium by motor bus operations when needed, permit-

ting the removal of said street car tracks, poles and overhead; that said Fifth South extension has likewise been maintained in connection with a possible extension to Fort Douglas, Utah, and use in connection with military operations, but that possibility of such extension seems remote, particularly in view of the general curtailment by applicant of its street railway operations and the substitution in lieu thereof of motor bus operations; that for the reasons hereinbefore stated it is in the public interest to discontinue electric street railway operations on said Fifth South extension, to substitute in lieu thereof motor bus service when needed, and when financial arrangements can be made to meet the expense of removing said street car tracks, poles and overhead wiring, to remove same.

The Commission therefore concludes that the application herein should be granted as applied for.

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Secretary

  
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Commissioners

  
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