

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RAILWAY, a corporation,
for an order authorizing it to abandon cer-
tain street car tracks on certain streets
in the City of Chico, and to reroute its
cars over certain other streets in said
city.

) Application
) No. 12819

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BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Sacramento Northern Railway, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of street car service, the abandonment and removal of tracks over the following portion of its local street car system in and adjacent to the City of Chico:

"Beginning at point of switch in main line of Sacramento Northern Railway in Park Avenue, distant seventy-seven (77) feet, more or less, northwesterly from the center line of Sixteenth Street; thence curving into Sixteenth Street, and continuing northeasterly along said Sixteenth Street a distance of one thousand one hundred (1100) feet, more or less, to Mulberry Street; thence curving into and continuing southeasterly along said Mulberry Street a distance of one thousand three hundred (1300) feet, more or less, to the southerly line of the City of Chico at Twentieth Street; thence continuing along Mulberry Street produced a distance of one thousand two hundred (1200) feet, more or less, to the end of track, making a total length of three thousand six hundred (3600) feet, more or less."

Applicant proposes, in lieu of the service for which abandonment is herein sought, to extend its street car service over its main line from Sixteenth Street to Twentieth Street.

The proposed abandonment and rerouting are more fully shown in yellow and red color on a blueprint map marked "Exhibit A", as attached to and forming a part of the application herein.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of the authority herein sought upon the following alleged facts: (1) that the district served by the portion of the line herein proposed to be abandoned is very sparsely settled and that an average of not exceeding 125 passengers per day are carried over said line

resulting in its being operated at a substantial loss and that there is no prospect of said line being put on a paying basis; (2) that abandonment of the line as herein proposed will result in a substantial saving in operating expenses; (3) that if the portion of the line is not abandoned, applicant will be required to expend a large amount in maintenance, repairs and improvements, upon which amount no adequate return can be expected; and (4) that the proposed rerouting will provide street car service for a more densely populated section of the City of Chico which now has no service, and in addition will continue to furnish service to the majority of the average of 125 daily passengers now served by the line over the routing proposed to be abandoned, and in addition will provide better service for industries located in the section to be served by the proposed rerouting.

The Board of Supervisors of Butte County and the City Council of the City of Chico do not protest the granting of the application as evidenced by letters waiving protest as filed herein.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sacramento Northern Railway, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to discontinue street car service, abandon and remove its tracks, overhead construction and other railroad appurtenances now located, partly in the City of Chico and partly in the County of Butte, over and along the following route:

"Beginning at point of switch in main line of Sacramento Northern Railway in Park Avenue, distant seventy-seven (77) feet, more or less, northwesterly from the center line of Sixteenth Street; thence curving into Sixteenth Street and continuing northeasterly along said Sixteenth Street a distance of one thousand one hundred (1100) feet, more or less, to Mulberry Street; thence curving into and continuing southeasterly along said Mulberry Street a distance of one thousand three hundred (1300) feet, more or less, to the southerly limit of the City of Chico at Twentieth Street; thence continuing along Mulberry Street produced a distance of one thousand two hundred (1200) feet, more or less, to the end of track, making a total length of three thousand six hundred (3600) feet, more or less."

provided, however, that at the time of the discontinuance of street car service, as hereinabove authorized, there shall be street car service established as a part of applicant's local system in the City of Chico over and along the following described route:

Commencing at the intersection of Park Avenue and Sixteenth Street in the City of Chico and running thence in a general southeasterly direction along Park Avenue to its intersection with Twentieth Street, and

provided further that this order shall not become effective until there shall have been filed herein certified copies of resolutions or other appropriate authority from the Board of Trustees of the City of Chico and from the Board of Supervisors of Butte County authorizing relinquishment of franchises or portions of franchises covering line of street railroad herein authorized to be abandoned.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of December, 1926.

H. H. Brundage
A. J. [unclear]
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Leon Whitell
Thos. J. [unclear]
COMMISSIONERS.