JEC:IR 19886Decision No. BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA In the matter of the application

of NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for permission to abandon) Passenger service between Eureka,) Application No. 14792. Arcata and Normal Junction, California.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the curtailment of passenger service between Eureka, Arcata and Normal Junction, in the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Applicant has furnished the Commission with a statement that the City of Arcata, as well as the Chamber of Commerce of Arcata, is agreeable to the granting of this application.

Applicant alleges that during the six (6) months from September 1st, 1927, to February 29th, 1928, a total of 3,699 passengers, or an average of three and one-half passengers per train, have been carried between Eureka, Arcata and Normal Junction: that there is adequate bus service on the highway between these points to meet the reasonable needs of the traveling public; and that said train service is being operated at a loss by applicant.

The Engineering Department of this Commission has made an investigation of the service involved herein and the traffic carried between these points, in connection with Cases Nos. 2330, 2349 and 2365, and in their report, submitted as Commission's Exhibit No. 1 in these proceedings, is contained a recommendation that this service be discontinued which, it is estimated, will effect an annual saving of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.).

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company to curtail passenger service on its line between Eureka, Arcata and Normal Junction, in the County of Humboldt, State of California, by eliminating the present passenger service, as shown on Exhibit No. 1, and substituting therefor passenger service in accordance with the schedule shown as Exhibit No. 2 attached to the application.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of June, 1928.

Commissioners.