

Decision No. 21111.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the application of
* NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
for permission to remove station agent
from its station at Carlotta, California.

Application No. 15343.

R. W. Palmer, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company requests permission to discontinue the maintenance of a station agent at Carlotta, Humboldt County, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Satterwhite on April 9th, 1929, at Eureka.

Carlotta is located at the end of applicant's Carlotta Branch and is within a redwood timber area. The shipment of logs constitutes the largest single item forwarded from Carlotta, which are destined to mills located on the main line of applicant. These logs are handled entirely in carload or train load shipments. All carload shipments forwarded from Carlotta are weighed on track scales located at Alton, the junction point of Carlotta Branch with the main line.

The representative of Humboldt Redwood Company, the largest shipper at Carlotta, testified that his company had no objection to the removal of the agent.

The revenue derived from the carload business in and out of Carlotta for the twelve month period ending November 30, 1928, amounted to \$47,905.31; less than carload business amounted to \$1,156.82, and no passenger tickets were sold. The cost of maintaining an agent at Carlotta amounted to \$1,723.77 for the above mentioned period.

Applicant signified that if permission was granted for the removal of said agent that a railroad telephone would be installed at Carlotta whereby prospective shippers and receivers of freight could communicate with the agent at Alton.

Although all of the principal shippers were notified of the hearing no protests were entered against the removal of this agency.

It appears to the Commission that the business at Carlotta can be satisfactorily handled without an agent stationed at this point and therefore this application will be granted.

O R D E R

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company having made application for permission to remove its station agent from the station of Carlotta, on its Carlotta Branch in Humboldt County, California, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, to abandon its agency at the station of Carlotta, located on the Carlotta Branch in Humboldt County, provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency applicant will continue the maintenance of said station of Carlotta as a non-agency station, and establish thereat a public railroad telephone for the use of it's patrons.

Applicant shall post notices at said station of Carlotta, notifying the public of the removal of said agent, for at least ten (10) days before said agent is removed.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date of this order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of May, 1929.

Paul S. Lawrence
Al Francis
Ernest A. ...
Leon ...
M. J. ...
(Commissioners)