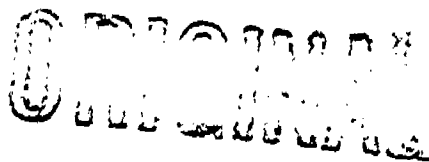


Decision No. 21112.



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of  
NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COM-  
PANY, for permission to remove  
station agent from its station at  
Essex, California.

Application No. 15345.

R. W. Palmer, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Northwestern Pacific Railroad Com-  
pany requests permission to discontinue the maintenance of the  
station agent at Essex, Humboldt County, California.

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

Essex is located on applicant's line between Eureka and  
Trinidad. The nearest agencies to Essex are to the south at  
Arcata, a distance of 4.7 miles and to the north of Trinidad, a  
distance of 15.1 miles.

Essex formerly was the shipping point for forest products  
but now the territory is practically logged off and there is  
very little of those products now being shipped.

The largest commodity now being handled by applicant  
out of Essex is gravel. The Mercer-Fraser Company operates a  
gravel plant there and the output of this plant is shipped on the  
railroad. Mercer-Fraser Company has its offices in Eureka and  
arrangements for deliveries of gravel can be handled through the  
Eureka agency.

The less-than-carload shipments to and from Essex for the twelve month period ending November 30, 1928, produced a revenue of \$91.26. The revenue derived from carload shipments for the same period amounted to \$13,726.00. The revenue derived from tickets sold for the same period amounted to \$2.90. The cost of maintaining the agent at Essex, for this same period amount to \$1,762.43.

At the hearing no protest against the removal of the agency at Essex was entered, although the various interested parties were notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

It appears that carload shipments can be handled through the agencies at either Arcata or Eureka and that the amount of less-than-carload freight or passenger business does not warrant the maintenance of an agent at this location.

O R D E R

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company having made application for permission to remove its station agent from the station of Essex, 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 Essex, located on its Eureka-Trinidad Line, in Humboldt County, provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency applicant will continue the maintenance of said station of Essex as a non-agency station.

Applicant shall post notices at said station of Essex, notifying the public for 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 hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1929.

Wm. D. Mitchell

J. L. Seaman

Edmund West

Leon Whately

W. M. Munn

Commissioners.