

Decision No. 21747.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Application of
NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY)
for an order authorizing third-rail)
construction for transmitting electric)
power along its proposed double track)
railroad through a portion of the City)
of San Rafael, County of Marin, State)
of California.)

Application No. 16023.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company asks the Commission to make its order granting applicant permission to install third-rail power construction along its proposed double track main line through a portion of the City of San Rafael, County of Marin, State of California, more particularly described in this Commission's Decision No. 21658, dated October 4, 1929. Such third-rail construction may not be used even for the short distance above referred to without authority for deviation from Section 79.1-A of this Commission's General Order No. 64-A.

The applicant's entire interurban electric system, at the present time, is equipped with third-rail for transmitting electrical power for its electric motors.

The Commission is of the opinion that it is neither reasonable nor practicable to enforce the provisions of Section 79.1-A of General Order No. 64-A at this location, provided the third-rail construction is adequately protected.

O R D E R

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company having made application for an order of the Railroad Commission approving third-rail construction along its proposed double track main line and the Commission being of the opinion that this proposed construction is in the public interest and that a public hearing is not necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company be and it is hereby granted permission to install third-rail power construction along its said proposed double track main line in the City of San Rafael, County of Marin, State of California, subject to the following conditions:

(1) At all crossings at grade the third-rail construction shall be protected by the construction of wing fences, cattle guards and warning signs.

(2) The power rail shall be protected by top and side protections, similar to that shown on Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company's blue print E-528, a copy of which is on file with this Commission.

(3) No portion of the third-rail or third-rail feeder cable shall extend beyond wing fences. That portion of feeder cable exposed shall be suitably insulated by means of weather-proof wrapping.

(4) Applicant shall notify this Commission, in writing, within fifteen (15) days after the completion of the installation

of said third-rail construction.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of November, 1929.

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Commissioners.