

Decision No. 23970.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RAILROAD COMPANY, for authorization to discontinue ser- vice and cancel all tariffs in effect.	) ) ) Application No. 17566.
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T. S. Walker, for Applicant.

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STEVENOT, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Northern California Railroad Company requests permission to discontinue service as a common carrier and to cancel all tariffs in effect on its line of railroad operating between Westwood, Lassen County, and Lake Almanor, Plumas County, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter on August 13, 1931.

Northern California Railroad Company has operated as an intra-state common carrier since June 30, 1930, over track formerly owned and operated by the Red River Lumber Company as part of its plant operations.

Practically all of the territory adjacent to and surrounding this railroad is owned by the Red River Lumber Company. Applicant inaugurated common carrier operation for the purpose of transporting passengers and materials for The Western Pacific Railroad Company and its contractors in connection with the construction of the tie between the Great Northern and Western Pacific. As the construction of The Western Pacific Railroad

Company's line, between Keddie, Plumas County, and Bieber, Lassen County, which practically parallels applicant's line, is nearing completion, there is little or no further business in sight for applicant's railroad as a common carrier. As a matter of fact, no freight has moved over the lines since late in 1930 when operations ceased on account of snow conditions. Since that time no request has been made for service of any kind. No one appeared to oppose the granting of this application.

It appears that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation of this railroad, particularly in view of the fact that The Western Pacific Railroad Company's new line will be completed in a few months and will provide common carrier rail service to the district heretofore served by applicant.

It is recommended that the application be granted.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been had and the matter having been submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northern California Railroad Company is hereby granted authority to abandon and discontinue service on its line of railroad, operated between Westwood, Lassen County, and Lake Almanor, Plumas County, State of California, and to cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission all of its passenger and freight rate tariffs and time schedules.

Applicant shall, in writing, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission of the abandonment of service herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become

void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from the date hereof.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of August, 1931.

O. C. Servey

M. A. Ann

M. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart  
Commissioners.