

Decision No. 24154 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
 SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RAILWAY for an
 order authorizing a reduction of
 passenger train service between
 Sacramento and Elverta and inter-
 mediate points.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 17635.

L. N. Bradshaw, for Applicant.
 H. C. Clark, for Farm Bureau and Grange
 of Rio Linda, Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Sacramento Northern Railway seeks permission to reduce passenger train service between Sacramento and Elverta and intermediate points by withdrawing the local trains operating between these points.

A public hearing was held in this matter in Sacramento before Examiner Kennedy on October 6, 1931.

Applicant operates six local trains each way daily between Sacramento and Elverta, a distance of eleven miles. In addition to these locals, five through trains are operated daily each way between Sacramento and Marysville. These trains pass through the territory between Sacramento and Elverta.

It was shown by exhibits filed that the patronage of the local trains has been decreasing for a number of years, until it has now reached a point where the revenues derived do not meet the actual cost of operation.

In the event that this application is granted, applicant proposes to have all trains heretofore operated as through trains stop at the various stations between Sacramento and Elverta to care for the local business in that area.

The granting of the application was protested only by the California Farm Bureau Federation and the Grange. When applicant made its proposal to serve that territory with the through trains, these protests were withdrawn.

It appears from the record that, with the proposed plan of operation, public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation of the local trains between Sacramento and Elverta and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sacramento Northern Railway is hereby granted authority to abandon and discontinue the operation of Trains Nos. 131, 133, 135, 143, 145, 147, 130, 132, 134, 142, 144 and 146, operated between Sacramento and Elverta, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall notify the travelling public of this reduction in service for a period of at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date thereof, by posting notices at all stations between Sacramento and Elverta, inclusive, as well as in the local trains affected.
- (2) Upon the abandonment of said local trains, applicant shall provide service to the district between Sacramento and Elverta by having the through trains between Sacramento and Marysville stop on flag to receive or discharge passengers.

(3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days, notify the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the passenger service herein authorized.

(4) 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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of October, 1931.

Leon Whitney

W. J. Ann

M. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.