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Decision No. 24467.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company to discontinue operation of mixed trains Nos. 170 and 171 between Eureka and Arcata, and Nos. 172 and 173 between Arcata and Trinidad.

Application No. 17923.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORIGINAL

ORDER

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation; on January 26, 1932, applied for authority to abandon the operation of passenger service to the north of Eureka through the discontinuance of its daily except Sunday mixed trains Nos. 170 and 171, operating between Eureka and Arcata, and its tri-weekly mixed trains Nos. 172 and 173, operating between Arcata and Trinidad, all in the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Applicant alleges that the passenger business handled by the said mixed trains does not warrant the expense of operating said passenger service. The following tabulation shows the greater portion of the passenger business conducted through the operation of said trains:

TICKET SALES BY AGENTS AT SAN FRANCISCO,  
EUREKA, ARCATA AND TRINIDAD,  
ALSO CONDUCTOR CASH FARES TO AND FROM POINTS  
NORTH OF EUREKA, CALIFORNIA.

APRIL 1, 1931, TO DECEMBER 31, 1931, INCLUSIVE

Between	: Tickets :	: Passengers :
Eureka and Arcata,	28	30
Eureka and Fieldbrook,	4	4
Eureka and Trinidad,	2	2
Arcata and San Francisco,	5	7
San Francisco and Arcata,	26	43
Eureka and Carson Camp,	2	2
Arcata and Ukiah (Carnival Party with Two Baggage Cars),*	10*	-
Trinidad and Little River Junction,	1	1
Eureka and Moonstone,	1	2
Conductors Cash Fares,	14	14
GRAND TOTAL,	93	105

\*Where round trip tickets sold two passengers counted.

It is further alleged that the few passengers now carried on the trains involved will not be seriously inconvenienced as the Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a certificated operator of auto stages, now affords adequate passenger service to all communities served by said trains. The applicant does not propose to discontinue freight service between any points in the territory involved.

The principal communities served by said trains are the Cities of Eureka and Arcata and the Town of Trinidad. Both Chambers of Commerce of Eureka and Arcata have signified by resolution that they do not object to the granting of this application.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company is hereby granted authority to abandon and discontinue the operation of its daily except Sunday mixed trains Nos. 170 and 171 operating between Eureka and Arcata, also its tri-weekly mixed trains Nos. 172 and 173 operating between Arcata and Trinidad, County of Humboldt, State of California, and to cancel, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all passenger rate tariffs and time schedules between said points, unless and until the Commission shall find, after hearing, that public convenience and necessity require the restoration of passenger service upon said railroad line subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the traveling public of said passenger service abandonment by posting a notice in said trains Nos. 170, 171, 172 and 173 and in all stations along the line affected.
- (2) Applicant shall continue to provide reasonable and adequate freight service between said stations of Eureka and Arcata and Arcata and Trinidad.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of said passenger service herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (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 authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1932.

C. J. Scammon  
James Sullivan  
M. A. ...  
W. B. ...  
Fred G. ...  
 (Commissioners)