

Decision No. 25145 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of Application of
NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
and PETALUMA AND SANTA ROSA RAILROAD
COMPANY for authority to consolidate
their freight stations at Sebastopol,
California, and to establish a joint
agency at that point.

Application No. 18254

R. S. Myers, for Applicants.
G. W. Libby, for City of Sebastopol.

STEVENOT, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company and Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company seek authority to consolidate their separate freight agencies in the City of Sebastopol, County of Sonoma.

A public hearing was held in this matter in Sebastopol on August 31, 1932, at which time the matter was duly submitted.

Each of the applicants maintains a freight agency at its freight station in Sebastopol; these freight stations are located approximately four blocks apart. It is proposed herein to use the freight station of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company as the joint freight station for both companies, as it is more centrally located. Carload shipments, under the proposed plan, will continue to be handled by each railroad on its respective tracks, but less-than-carload freight to be handled through the one station. In order that Northwestern Pacific

less-than-carload freight might reach the joint station, it will set out its merchandise car at the interchange at Gravenstein Station, located less than one mile east of Sebastopol, and this merchandise car will be picked up by the Petaluma and Santa Rosa train crew and delivered to the joint station. On account of franchise provisions, steam trains are prohibited from using the tracks of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad in Sebastopol.

By the consolidation of the freight stations a saving of approximately \$1,700. per year can be effected.

The City of Sebastopol entered an appearance, but did not protest the granting of the application, provided the terms thereof do not result in an infringement of any franchise provisions. It appears that one freight agency can adequately handle the freight business for both companies in Sebastopol and that the application should be granted.

The following form of Order is recommended:

O R D E R

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company and Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to consolidate their freight agencies in the City of Sebastopol, County of Sonoma, State of California, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of the consolidation of said freight stations by posting notices at said separate freight stations.

