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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the petition of the)
QUINCY WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY for an)
order exempting it from complying with)
the provisions of Chapter 284, Statutes)
of California 1913, entitled "An Act)
Regulating Headlights on All Locomotives)
and Providing a Penalty for Violation of)
the Provisions of this Act.")
.....)

Application No. 975.

APPEARANCES

H. G. Hill, for the Quincy Western Railway Company.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

GORDON, Commissioner.

The applicant, the Quincy Western Railway Company, operates a line of railway five and three-tenths (5.3) miles in length, running from Marston, the junction point with the Western Pacific Railway, to Quincy, in Plumas County.

The line was constructed to serve as a connecting line between the Western Pacific Railway and the Town of Quincy, and traverses a sparsely settled territory, there being no regular stopping place between the terminals of the line. It appears that the depot in Quincy is located on the outskirts of the town and there are but few buildings anywhere in the neighborhood of this road. The train schedules on the applicant's road are dependent entirely upon the schedules of the Western Pacific Railway Company, applicant's trains being operated so as to meet the Western Pacific overland trains. It also appears that there are only two (2) trains each way daily operating after sundown, and that one of these trains will run after sundown only during the winter months. Only one engine is operated

on this railroad, and it appears that this engine is now equipped with a headlight powerful enough to enable the engineer to see a dark object the size of a man on a dark night a distance of three hundred and fifty (350) feet, while the train is running at the rate of twenty (20) miles per hour. It is in view of the facts as stated that applicant desires the Commission to exercise its authority conferred in the Act to exempt engines used on short lines or local lines from the provisions of this act.

The Engineering Department of the Commission has made an investigation into this matter and has ascertained the facts as stated heretofore, and I am of the opinion that the application should be granted and that safety does not require the equipment of the engine used on this line with the standard headlight prescribed in the law. I recommend the following order.

O R D E R

QUINCY WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, a common carrier, having applied to this Commission for an order exempting such railroad from the provisions of Chapter 284 of the Statutes of 1913, requiring the installation of standard headlights prescribed in the law, and a hearing having been held, and being fully apprised in the premises,

THE COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT That the Quincy Western Railway Company is a short local line and that the headlight provided in the Act referred to is not necessary for the preservation of public safety.

Basing this Order on the foregoing finding of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the Quincy Western Railway Company shall be exempt from the provisions of said Act until the further order of this Commission.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved
and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Com-
mission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of
February, 1914.

A. D. Loveland
Wm. Gordon

Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.