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In the matter of the application of NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY and CALIFORNIA WESTERN RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY for order authorizing the lease of a portion of the right-of-way of said Northwestern Pacific Railroad for the construction and operation of an independent track from a point about one-half mile west or south of Willits into the Willits railroad yard and of certain yard and station facilities at Willits, Mendocino County, California.

Application No. 1505.

Stanley Moore, for Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company.  
Charles E. Wilson, for California Western Railroad and Navigation Company.

GORDON, Commissioner,

OPINION

This application looks to the leasing by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company to the California Western Railroad and Navigation Company of some of the facilities of the former company in and near Willits, Mendocino County, California, for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 1915, with the privilege of renewal thereafter from year to year until notice of cancellation is given by either party. By granting this application the California Western Railroad and Navigation Company will be enabled to run its trains and perform its service, without transfer, in and around Willits, which service will cause considerable added convenience to the traveling public and will facilitate the operations of both railroads.

The agreement between the two companies for the operation of the facilities proposed to be used jointly is attached to the Application as Exhibit "A" and is accompanied by a map showing in detail the facilities to be so used. It covers fully the compensation to be paid by the one company to the other for these privileges and the terms upon which they are to be granted, and is satisfactory to both parties. The terms of this lease seem to me to be fair and equitable and no

opposition having been made at the hearing, I am of the opinion that this application should be granted and recommend the following form of order:-

O R D E R

NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY and CALIFORNIA WESTERN RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY having jointly made application to the Commission for permission for the former Company to lease to the latter a portion of its right-of-way and certain of its facilities in and around Willits, and a public hearing having been held, and it appearing that the granting of this application would result in added convenience to both the applicant railroad companies and to the traveling public, and should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company be the same is and hereby is authorized to lease to the California Western Railroad and Navigation Company that certain portion of its right-of-way and those certain facilities in and around Willits more particularly shown on the map attached to the application and described in the agreement also attached to the application as Exhibit "A". This lease shall be in accordance with the terms of this agreement (Exhibit "A"), and the Commission reserves the right, from time to time, to prescribe such alterations and changes in said agreement as to it may seem right and proper.

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 6th day of February, 1915.

Max Shelton

W. D. Stewart

Frank R. DeWitt

Commissioners.