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Decision No. 7153

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
for an order authorizing the abandon-
ment of that portion of its line of
railroad lying between Grizzly Spur
and Marsh Spur, California.

} Application No. 5321.

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment and removal of that portion of its branch line of railroad lying between the station of Grizzly Spur and the point of intersection of said branch line of railroad with an abandoned spur track known as the Marsh Spur, a distance of approximately 3.22 miles, for the reason that it is alleged that there is no public need for the continued maintenance of the spur proposed to be abandoned, that no traffic moves thereover and that the shipping and receiving public will not be inconvenienced by the abandonment and removal of such track.

The branch line of railway, extending from Loyalton to Loyalton Branch Junction, was originally a part of the railroad owned and operated by the Boca & Loyalton Railroad Company and was

acquired by purchase by applicant, The Western Pacific Railroad Company. The only station located on the portion of the branch line, herein proposed to be abandoned and removed, is the station of Beckwith, such station being now served by tri-weekly mixed train service operated between Loyaltan and Loyaltan Branch Junction. The traffic handled over such branch is of little volume, but will be hereafter cared for by the establishment of a station on the main line of the applicant at a point opposite the existing station of Beckwith on the branch line and some 2300 feet distant therefrom. A wagon road will be constructed between the present station of Beckwith and the station proposed to be established by applicant on its main line and the service that will be hereafter rendered to the community at Beckwith, will be more satisfactory, by reason of Beckwith hereafter being a main line station, than the service now rendered by applicant on a tri-weekly basis and as branch line operation.

The track for which authority for abandonment and removal is requested is shown upon a blue print map attached to and forming a portion of the application in this proceeding.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the convenience of the public requiring freight facilities heretofore served by the branch line station at Beckwith, will be more adequately served by the establishment of a main line station, which will hereafter serve such community.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is granted upon the condition that prior to the abandonment and removal of the track, as hereinabove referred to,

applicant, The Western Pacific Railroad Company, will establish a station on its main line at Beckwith and construct a road connecting said proposed station at Beckwith with the station of such name as heretofore maintained on the branch line as acquired from the Boca & Loyalton Railroad Company.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of February, 1920.

Edwin C. Edgerly
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Frank R. D. Owen
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Commissioners.