

Decision No. 27749.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of HUMBOLDT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
for authority to discontinue common
carrier operations.

Application No. 19801.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Humboldt Northern Railway Company, on January 25, 1935, applied for authority to abandon common carrier service between Samoa, Humboldt County, California, and a point called Fisher Junction, located in Section 6 of Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt County, California, a distance of approximately thirteen miles, and a branch line from a point called Arcata Junction, located in Section 19 of Township 6 North, Range 1 East, to the City of Arcata, a distance of about two miles, both points being in Humboldt County, California.

The railway system of Humboldt Northern Railway Company was constructed by Dolbeer & Carson Lumber Company for the purpose of transporting logs from timberlands owned by said Dolbeer & Carson Lumber Company to Humboldt Bay. From this point the logs were floated across the bay to the company's manufacturing plant located in the City of Eureka. The stock of applicant railway was acquired by the Hammond & Little River Redwood Company, Ltd., on September 12, 1931, for the specific purpose of using this railroad to transport logs from timberlands owned by Hammond & Little River Redwood Company, Ltd., to its mills at Samoa, located on Humboldt Bay.

Applicant alleges that for more than three years no freight of any kind has been offered by, or transported for, the public or any other interest except Hammond & Little River Redwood Company, Ltd. An investigation by the Commission's Transportation Division discloses that said railroad does not perform any service other than that for Hammond & Little River Redwood Company, Ltd., that the town of Samoa and the City of Arcata are served by Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, and that ^{apparently} public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operations of applicant's lines. The County Supervisor, in whose district the railroad involved is located, and various individuals in the territory were interrogated but no objection to the granting of the application was voiced.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Humboldt Northern Railway Company is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of its line of railroad as a common carrier as follows:

- (a) From Samoa, Humboldt County, to Fisher Junction, located in Section 6 of Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian, Humboldt County, California; and
- (b) Its branch line from Arcata Junction, located in Section 19 of Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian, to the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California;

and as more particularly shown in blue on the map attached to the application; and to cancel, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all rate tariffs and time schedules applying to said lines, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the discontinuance of said service authorized herein.
- (2) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of said discontinuance of service by posting notices at the termini of said railroad lines.
- (3) 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 11th day of February, 1935.

Leon C. White

M. J. Carr

M. B. Harris

Robert M. ...

James R. ...

Commissioners.