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Decision No. 29804

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of ) NORTEWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY ) for authority to maintain its station ) at Fulton as a non-agency station, ex-) cept during the grape shipping season ) from approximately September 1st to ) October 31st, of each year.

Application No. 21128.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, on April 13, 1937, applied for authority to close its agency at Fulton Station in Sonoma County, excepting during the grape shipping season from approximately September 1st to October 31st of each year.

Applicant alleges that only 65 passenger tickets were sold at said agency station during the months of the year ending February 28, 1937 that it is proposed to close said agency; that 239 lessthan-carload shipments and 31 carload freight shipments were received and forwarded during the same period; that the nearest agency to the east is at Healdsburg, a distance of 9.5 miles, and to the west at Santa Rosa, a distance of 4.7 miles; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station during the remaining month of the year; and that, in its opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency during said months is not necessary for its business or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application.

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It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS MEREEY ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company is hereby authorized to close its agency at its station of Fulton, in Sonoma County, during the period from approximately October 31st of each year to September 1st of the following year, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly; provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station during said period.

Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the closing of the agency as authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

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  $24\frac{1}{24}$  day of May, 1937.

Commissioners.

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