

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 30857.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of NORTHWESTERN
PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for emergency authority
to maintain its stations of Fortuna, Fernbridge
and Loleta as non-agency stations.

Application
No. 21795.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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In this application authority is sought to maintain the stations of Fortuna, Fernbridge and Loleta as non-agency stations during the period when rail operation is discontinued as a result of slides and washouts on the line. In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the application it is alleged:

"That applicant now maintains its stations at Fortuna, Fernbridge and Loleta as agency stations. That at the present time no train service is given to said stations due to wash-outs on the line, as a result of which no carload freight service is given to and from said points. L.C.L. freight service to said points is being handled at the present time by truck and is insignificant in amount and does not require the services of an agent at any of said stations. There are no passenger trains being operated to and from any of said stations. Therefore, applicant proposes to maintain said stations as non-agency stations until normal service is resumed on its line reaching said stations. It is anticipated that it will take thirty days or so to restore said railroad to normal operation.

That the public will not be inconvenienced by maintaining said stations as non-agency stations during the present emergency period and until normal operations are resumed, because there is no business at any of said stations requiring the services of an agent."

Under the conditions it appears that this request is reasonable and should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to maintain its stations of Fortuna, Fernbridge and Loleta as non-agency stations for a period of approximately

thirty (30) days, until normal operations are resumed over the line.

Applicant shall advise the public of the restoration of agency service at Fortuna, Fernbridge and Loleta stations at least five days in advance of the time agency service is resumed, by posting notices at each station, and shall advise the Commission of compliance with this request and date agency service is resumed.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of March, 1938.

Leon Whitely
Frank R. Wilson
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Commissioners