

Decision No. 20744.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
NEVADA COUNTY NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD  
COMPANY, for permission to discontinue  
operation of Passenger Trains Nos. 1  
and 2 between Colfax, Grass Valley and  
Nevada City, California.

Application No.  
21781.

ORIGINAL

Douglas Brookman, for applicant

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Company requests permission to discontinue its passenger train service operating between Colfax, Placer County, and Grass Valley and Nevada City, Nevada County.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Hall in Nevada City on March 22, 1938.

Applicant is engaged in the business of transporting persons and property by rail between Colfax, Grass Valley, Nevada City, and intermediate points, a rail distance of about twenty miles.

In addition, applicant operates a passenger stage service between Colfax and Nevada City on a route approximately parallel to its rail line. Both the rail and stage passenger services make connections with the passenger train service of Southern Pacific Company at Colfax.

Furthermore, applicant operates a passenger stage service between Auburn, Grass Valley, and Nevada City. At Auburn connections are made with the passenger stage service of Pacific Greyhound Lines.

In the event this application is granted applicant proposes to augment its passenger stage service between Colfax and Nevada City in order to handle the traffic now using the trains.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 handle both passengers and freight, and it requires from one and one-half hours to two and one-half hours

to make the one way run. This time is largely consumed in the switching of freight cars and loading and unloading freight. The passenger stage makes the run between Colfax and Nevada City in about fifty minutes.

During the year 1937 the rail passenger service handled 2,007 passengers, of which 524 were casual passengers, and the remainder being for three special groups.

The abandonment of rail passenger service will leave the rail line entirely for the use of freight service and will not cause any reduction in the number of employees.

No one appeared in protest to the granting of this application.

It is clear that a more favorable passenger service can be performed by the passenger stages than by the railroad; that the freight service on the rail line can be materially improved by the elimination of passenger service; and that the application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Company is authorized to discontinue passenger train service on its line of railroad between Colfax, Placer County, and Grass Valley and Nevada City, Nevada County, and to cancel all passenger tariffs and time schedules, applying to all stations along said line of railroad, on five days' notice to the Commission and the public. Within thirty (30) days after abandonment, applicant shall so notify the Commission in writing.

This authorization shall become void if not exercised within one year, unless time be extended.

This order shall become effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1938.

William H. ...  
Leon ...  
Frank ...  
Ray ...  
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Commissioners.