

Decision No. 24370

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of NORTH-  
WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, first,  
for permission to discontinue the operation  
of passenger trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 be-  
tween San Rafael and Sausalito, and second,  
to discontinue all regular passenger ser-  
vice between San Rafael and Sausalito.

Application  
No. 24370

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E. J. FOULDS and R. S. MYERS, for Applicant

R. S. ELLIOTT, for the Railway Express Agency, Inc.,  
Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company requests permission to abandon passenger trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 between San Rafael and Sausalito, and to discontinue all regular passenger service between said points.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Hall in San Rafael on August 20, 1941, at which time the matter was submitted for determination.

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company now operates four passenger trains between Sausalito and Eureka, by way of San Rafael. These trains carry passengers, mail, baggage, and express. Passengers are transported between San Francisco and Sausalito by the stages of Pacific Greyhound Lines, and are transferred at this latter point to the trains.

It is the proposal of applicant, if it is permitted to discontinue service between Sausalito and San Rafael, to transport these passengers from San Francisco to San Rafael by special buses of Pacific Greyhound Lines, and passengers from Sausalito would use the regular Pacific Greyhound Lines service to San Rafael and there board

the trains for points north.

Applicant showed that if the application were granted its annual operating losses would be reduced by \$27,776 (Exhibit No. 2), made up as follows:

Saving in Operating Costs at Sausalito . . . . .	\$63,496.00	
Increased Operating Cost, including increased payments to Pacific Greyhound Lines . . . . .	\$25,526.00	
Loss in passengers, mail, express, and milk revenues . . . . .	<u>10,194.00</u>	<u>35,720.00</u>
Net Saving . . . . .		\$27,776.00

Mail, baggage, and express, which is now delivered to the trains at Sausalito by P. M. T. trucks, will be delivered to the trains at San Rafael.

It was also shown that the travel time of passengers between San Francisco and San Rafael would be reduced by about twenty minutes and that arrangements have been made for a sufficient number of buses to take care of all the passengers from and to San Francisco.

No one appeared to oppose the granting of this application.

A review of the evidence in this proceeding clearly indicates that a substantial saving to applicant would accrue if it were allowed to abandon these trains between Sausalito and San Rafael, and that the service to the traveling public would not be jeopardized, therefore the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of passenger trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 between San Rafael and

Sausalito, to discontinue all regular passenger service between San Rafael and Sausalito, all in the County of Marin, and to cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission all passenger tariffs and time schedules between said points on not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of said passenger train abandonment by posting notices in said trains to be abandoned, and at their stations or ticket offices in San Francisco, Sausalito, and San Rafael.
- (2) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the passenger service herein authorized, and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (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 effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of September, 1941.

W. J. Baker  
Ray & King  
Justus P. Calver  
Richard L. Lusk  
Commissioners