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Decision No. 34947

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SIERRA RAILROAD COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to abandon its operative rights as a passenger stage corporation operating between Stockton and Tuolumne, California.

Application No. 24710

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Sierra Railroad Company by the above-entitled application requests authority to discontinue its operations as a passenger stage corporation between Stockton, Tuolumne and intermediate points. The operative rights which applicant seeks to abandon were granted by Decision No. 30876, in Application No. 21400.

The application alleges that Sierra Railroad Company has been operating continuously between Stockton and Tuolumne since September 1, 1938 serving Collegeville and Valley Home as well as certain other points. Pacific Greyhound Lines renders service between Stockton and Tuolumne and serves all points along applicant's line except Collegeville and Valley Home. The application states that during 1941 less than one passenger a day, residing at or destined to either Collegeville or Valley Home, used applicant's facilities. The Commission has received letters from representative civic organizations at each point served by Sierra Railroad Company asserting that they have no objection to the proposed discontinuance of service.

The income statement attached to the application shows that applicant has operated at a substantial loss for the past four

years. The evidence of record shows that public convenience and necessity do not require continuance of the operation in question.

The Commission has fully considered this matter. It is of the opinion that a public hearing is unnecessary and that the application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Sierra Railroad Company is authorized to discontinue and abandon its operation as a passenger stage corporation between Stockton and Tuolumne and intermediate points and the operative rights therefor, granted by Decision No. 30876, in Application No. 21400, are hereby revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein conferred is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Sierra Railroad Company shall cancel in conformity with the rules of the Commission all tariffs and time schedules applying to the service herein authorized to be abandoned.
- 2. The authority herein granted shall be exercised within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2

of January, 1942.

COMMISSIONERS