

Decision No. 35873

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition of THE)
ARCATA AND MAD RIVER RAIL ROAD COMPANY) Application No. 25296
for partial abandonment.)

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The Arcata and Mad River Rail Road Company has applied for authority to abandon that portion of its line of railroad in Humboldt County, extending from a wharf on Humboldt Bay through the City of Arcata to Korblex Junction, a distance of 5.4 miles. This section of railroad has not been used for any purpose since 1934, and the wharf to which it leads is out of repair.

The track proposed to be abandoned is not standard gauge. The remainder of applicant's railroad, extending from a connection with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad at Korblex Junction to Korbex is standard gauge. Common carrier operations have been suspended since 1931 under authority granted in Application No. 17331, and, if operation should be resumed, it is logical that the movement west of Korbex Junction would be via the standard gauge Northwestern Pacific Railroad rather than the off-standard track applicant seeks to abandon.

A public hearing is not necessary herein and the application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Arcata and Mad River Rail Road Company is authorized to abandon and remove that portion of its line of railroad extending from a wharf on Humboldt Bay through the City of Arcata to Korbex Junction, a distance of 5.4 miles, advising the Commission upon the abandonment and removal of said track. This order is effective on the date hereof. The authority herein granted shall lapse

and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 20th day
of October, 1942.

Justin F. Casner
Ray A. Berry
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Francis R. Havenner
Richard L. Baker
Commissioners