

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 43490

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition of the Great)
Northern Railway Company for permission to) Application No. 30601
curtail Agency Service to forty hours per week.)

O R D E R

In this proceeding Great Northern Railway Company requests permission to curtail agency service at all of its agency stations to 40 hours per week.

By Decision No. 43250, in Application No. 30559, applicant was authorized to operate its agency stations at Stronghold and Lookout, Modoc County, California, on a basis of forty hours per week.

Applicant alleges that the closing of all of its stations, as proposed herein, will not work an injustice or hardship on the shipping and traveling public, and that the business at such stations is such that it can conveniently and satisfactorily be handled during a 40-hour week. At present the only remaining agency is at Bieber, jointly operated by applicant and The Western Pacific Railroad Company.

By Decision No. 43176, on Application No. 30462, all the other railroads were granted like authority at all their stations.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the request should be granted; therefore

IT IS ORDERED that the Great Northern Railway Company is authorized to operate its agency stations on the basis of a 40-hour week, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant, before reducing service, shall give not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public by posting notices at the stations involved.
- (2) Applicant shall provide agency service at its stations whenever the movement of seasonal commodities, perishables, or other reasonable demands so require.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission reserves the right to institute a proceeding at any time, either on its own motion or otherwise, to reopen this

matter for the purpose of ascertaining the adequacy of agency service at any station.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 11th day of October, 1949.

R. Z. [Signature]
Justin J. [Signature]
Harold S. [Signature]
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Commissioners.