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Decision No. 53345

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY to extend pickup and delivery limits of Fortuna, California.

Application No. 38102

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant seeks authority to enlarge its pickup and delivery zone at Fortuna and to apply the Fortuna rates to the enlarged territory.

The application shows that the area proposed to be added to the present zone is contiguous to and a part of the community and that this area is situated within three miles of the corporate limits. It shows also that the applicant has been requested to provide the additional pickup and delivery service involved. Under the proposed arrangements, all similarly situated areas contiguous to Fortuna where there is a demand for applicant's pickup and delivery service would be afforded service at the Fortuna rates. Because of the relatively short distances involved, the resulting deviations from the established minimum rates would be slight.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection has been received.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the granting of the sought authority is justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to enlarge its pickup and delivery zone at Fortuna as

requested and to establish for the transportation involved, not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, rates no lower than those prescribed for like transportation to and from Fortuna.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10 day of July, 1956.

President

Justis F. Ciali

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Commissioners