

ORIGINALDecision No. 63602

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RAILWAY for)
 authority to reduce the agency)
 station at Sutter in Sutter County,)
California, to non-agency status.

Application No. 44138

OPINION AND ORDER

Sacramento Northern Railway requests authority to reduce the agency station at Sutter in Sutter County to non-agency status.

Applicant alleges that Sutter is the only agency station on a branch which connects with its main line at Yuba City; that the volume of business on the branch is not sufficient to justify continuation of agency service at Sutter; that Yuba City, which is 7.75 miles from Sutter, is an agency station and fully capable of providing all service performed by an agency station for the account of all traffic moving to or from Sutter; and that there is no passenger service on the branch line.

According to applicant the following shipments were received or forwarded from Sutter during the years 1960 and 1961:

	<u>1960</u>	
Carload shipments forwarded		92
Carload shipments received		87
Less-than-carload shipments forwarded		0
Less-than-carload shipments received		2
	<u>1961</u>	
Carload shipments forwarded		127
Carload shipments received		143
Less-than-carload shipments forwarded		1
Less-than-carload shipments received		0

Notice of the application was mailed to various parties thought to be interested and no protest has been received.

After consideration the Commission finds and concludes that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of applicant's Sutter station on an agency basis. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary, and

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sacramento Northern Railway is authorized to discontinue its agency at Sutter, County of Sutter, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Applicant shall maintain said station in non-agency status for the receipt or delivery of freight in any quantity, carloads or less.
- b. Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of the agency at Sutter, Sacramento Northern Railway shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station and, within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall file in duplicate amendments to its tariffs showing the change authorized herein and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the changes. In no event shall the agent be removed, pursuant to the authority hereinabove granted, earlier than the effective date of the tariff filings required hereunder. This order shall not be construed as authorization to increase rates and charges.
- c. Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant shall, in writing, notify this Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of APRIL, 1962.

President

Commissioners

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Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.