

Decision No. 72719

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's  
own motion into the operations and  
services of Northwestern Pacific  
Railroad Company in connection with  
the Puerto Suello Tunnel, San  
Rafael, California.

Case No. 7907

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

By Decision No. 67889 dated September 22, 1964, the Commission ordered Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company to reconstruct Puerto Suello Tunnel, San Rafael, California. Several extensions of time to complete construction have been granted. A further extension of time is requested to October 31, 1967.

Of the total 1247.9 feet necessary to be reconstructed, 1140.5 feet have been excavated and 449.5 feet have been concreted. It is alleged that because of unanticipated difficulties and pressures wooden timbers, even when supplemented with steel sets, were unable to support excavated portions of the tunnel; to prevent its collapse it was necessary to concrete the tunnel; and it is not possible to mine while concreting because the necessary activities for the mining operation cannot be conducted through the portion of the tunnel being concreted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the time within which to complete reconstruction of Tunnel No. 4 (Puerto Suello Tunnel) is hereby extended to and including October 31, 1967.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 1967

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Commissioners