Decision No._

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for authority to reduce service at the agency at Herlong, County of Lassen, State of California, from 7 days per week, 16 hours per day, to 5 days per week, 3 hours per day.

Application No. 52170 (Filed August 31, 1970)

<u>ORDER</u>

The verified application of The Western Pacific Railroad Company filed August 31, 1970, discloses that no passenger service has been transacted at the applicant's station of Herlong in Lassen County since March 22, 1970, and that the bulk of the freight business handled by the agency consists of shipments of military equipment, either originating at or consigned to the U. S. Army Sierra Ordinance Depot and that continued maintenance of the 7-day week, 16-hour per day agency service is no longer necessary since the agent can easily provide any required service outside of the proposed 5 days per week, 8 hours per day agency service upon request.

The application was listed on the Commission's daily calendar of September 1, 1970. Notice of the application has been given to various parties thought to be interested and no protests have been received. Therefore, a public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

It is found that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of 7 days per week, 16 hours per day scrvice at applicant's station of Herlong.

The Western Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to reduce the agency station service hours at Herlong, County of Lassen to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, as set forth in the application, and to revise all rariffs and time

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schedules applying at said station on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public. Such tariff changes shall quote this decision number as the requisite authority. This order shall not be construed as authorization to increase rates or charges.

Within thirty days after reducing agency service hours as authorized herein, applicant shall so notify the Commission in writing. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within one year, unless time be extended. The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at <u>Sen Francisco</u>, California, this 1043 day of <u>NOVEMBER</u> 1970.

Chairman would OTHEY

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.