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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the Matter of the Application of       | ) |                             |
| SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY   | ) |                             |
| and THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY  | ) | Application No. 52343       |
| for authority to discontinue agency and   | ) | (Filed December 7, 1970)    |
| remove station building and appurtenances | ) | (Amended December 17, 1970) |
| from public service at Westwood, County   | ) |                             |
| of Lassen, State of California.           | ) |                             |

ORDER

The verified application of Southern Pacific Transportation Company and The Western Pacific Railroad Company discloses that under present conditions both the business handled and the type of business transacted at the applicants' station of Westwood, County of Lassen, no longer warrants its continued maintenance as an agency station.

The application was listed on the Commission's daily calendar of December 8, 1970. Notice of the application has been given to various parties thought to be interested and no protests from users have been received. A public hearing, therefore, does not appear to be necessary.

It is found that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of such agency service at the applicants' Westwood station.

The Southern Pacific Transportation Company and The Western Pacific Railroad Company are authorized to discontinue their agency and to remove station building and appurtenances from public service at Westwood, County of Lassen, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Applicants shall maintain said station in a non-agency status for the receipt or delivery of freight in carloads or less-than-carloads.

- (b) After the effective date hereof and not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of the agency at Westwood, County of Lassen, applicants shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station and file a copy of such notice with the Commission and, after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicants shall file in duplicate amendments to their tariffs showing the changes authorized herein and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the changes. This order shall not be construed as authorization to increase rates or charges. 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 nor earlier than consistent with provisions of applicable labor agreements.
- (c) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicants shall, in writing, notify this Commission of the discontinuance thereof and of the compliance with the above conditions.
- (d) 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 San Francisco, California, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of MARCH, 1971.

[Signature]  
Chairman

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Verward L. Stinson

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Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.