Decision No. 79316

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNI

In the Matter of the Application of) CALIFORNIA WESTERN RAILROAD for authority under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to) increase passenger fares between Fort Bragg and Willits, California, and intermediate points.

Application No. 52578 (Filed April 23, 1971 amended April 30 and June 17, 1971)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

Decision No. 78706 dated May 18, 1971, in this proceeding granted California Western Railroad an interim increase in its fares to expire November 14, 1971 pending hearing and decision on its full request. The hearings have been held and a final order, (Decision No. 78992, dated August 10, 1971) issued. However, this latter order has been suspended under the Executive Order of the President of the United States, announced August 15, 1971. The combined effect of these orders would be a roll back on November 14, 1971 of applicants fare to the pre-May 1971 level. To prevent a roll back of such fare increases which have been found to be justified the expiration date of the fare increases authorized by Decision No. 78706, supra, should be extended until further order of the Commission.

The following order will so provide.

IT IS ORDERED that the first sentence in ordering paragraph 1 of Decision No. 78706, dated May 18, 1971 in this proceeding is changed to read "California Western Railroad is authorized to establish the fares found to be justified in the preceding opinion as interim fares until further order of this Commission."

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In all other respects Decision No. 78706 shall remain in full force and effect. The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

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