

Decision No. 87630 JUL 19 1977

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD)
COMPANY for authority to abandon)
its Class "D" non-agency station)
at Zerus in the County of)
Humboldt, State of California; to)
eliminate the station reference)
of Zerus from timetable and other)
records; and to cancel all)
tariffs to and from said station.)

Application 57288
(Filed May 5, 1977)

O P I N I O N

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company seeks authority, pursuant to General Order No. 36-D, to abandon its Class "D" non-agency station at Zerus, Humboldt County.

The verified application states that the station is not now required nor likely to be required in the future, as there are no facilities for handling freight thereat. There are no patrons using this station.

The existing stations nearest to Zerus are South Bay (non-agency) 2.8 miles north and Beatrice (non-agency) 1.1 miles south.

Notice of the filing of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 9, 1977. Letters were sent to various interested parties by the staff advising them of the application and that comments or protests to the proposal were to be received by June 17, 1977. No protests have been received.

F I N D I N G S

The Commission finds that:

1. Public convenience and necessity no longer require that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company maintain Zerus as a Class "D" non-agency station.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.

C O N C L U S I O N S

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to abandon its Class "D" non-agency station at Zerus, Humboldt County, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) 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, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company shall file, in duplicate, amendments to its tariff showing the change authorized herein and shall make reference in such tariffs to this decision as authority for this change.
- (b) Within thirty days after the change herein authorized, applicant shall, in writing, notify the Commission thereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of JULY, 1977.

Robert Bateman
President

William S. Gurnea, Jr.

Vernon L. Sturgis

Richard D. Hoyle

Commissioners
Commissioner CLAIRE T. BEDRICK

Present but not participating.