

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No. S-1489
Transportation DivisionR E S O L U T I O NAUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER TRAIN EXCURSIONS ON THE
TRACKS OF SIERRA RAILWAY OF CALIFORNIA AND SIERRA
RAILROAD COMPANY BETWEEN JAMESTOWN, LIME SPUR AND
CHINESE IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA DURING THE YEAR
1988

By letter dated May 4, 1988, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), through District Superintendent Suzanne M. Anderson, requests authority for Sierra Railway of California to operate passenger train excursions over its own trackage as well as that of the Sierra Railroad Company during 1988. Trackage of Sierra Railway of California is within DPR's Railtown 1987, a State Historic Park at Jamestown. Trackage of Sierra Railroad Company extends from Oakdale to Fassler, near Sonora and is normally used to conduct freight operations. Subject letter is to satisfy the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission in authorizing summer passenger service on the lines. The letter provides the following information:

1. The first trips are scheduled for May 14 and 15, 1988 from Jamestown to Chinese and return at a fare of \$11.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children 3 to 12 years. Children under 3 years are free.
2. The remainder of the summer 1988 service will be conducted on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays starting May 21, 1988 and continuing through at least September 11, 1988 with trips scheduled from Jamestown to Lime Spur and return. Fares will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children 3 to 12 years and children under 12 are free.
3. The concessionaire responsible for operation of the excursions is required to provide liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 with the state park and not less than \$2,000,000 when operating on Sierra Railroad Company trackage. DPR assumes liability beyond those amounts.

Based on the information contained in the letter we, therefore, conclude that the request is reasonable and agree that the operation of those trains can be conducted by the carrier as requested.

Notice of this matter did not appear on the Commission's public agenda; however, an emergency exists in that authorization is necessary before trains begin initial operations on May 14 which justifies our action today under Public Utilities Code 306(b).

IT IS ORDERED that the requested authority is hereby granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Track and rolling stock shall be maintained according to applicable sections in the Code of Federal Regulations applying to Common Carrier Railroad Corporations, as well as applicable CPUC General Safety Orders.
2. The per train insurance requirements of \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 respectively will be strictly adhered to for each run operated.
3. The entire operation shall be conducted in accordance with the Sierra Railway of California Emergency Plan in effect and the applicable operating rules of the carrier filed with the Commission.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission on its regular conference on MAY 11 1988.
The following Commissioners approved it.

STANLEY W. HULETT
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Attached is a copy of Resolution S-1489 granting the Commission's authority for the operation of passenger train excursions between Jamestown, Chinese and Lime Spur in Tuolumne County, as requested in your letter of May 3, 1988. The Resolution authorizes the passenger operations subject to the conditions contained therein.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. L. Rosenthal'.

G. L. Rosenthal
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Attachment

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