

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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R E S O L U T I O N

**RESOLUTION SR-16 AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER TRAIN
EXCURSION ON TRACKS OF THE EUREKA SOUTHERN RAILROAD
BETWEEN WILLITS CALIFORNIA, AND EUREKA, CALIFORNIA
INCLUDING INTERMEDIATE POINTS, AND BETWEEN EUREKA,
CALIFORNIA, AND POINTS ON THE SAMOA PENINSULA.**

By letter dated April 12, 1990, the Eureka Southern Railroad Company (ESRR) requests authority to operate passenger train excursions during the year 1990. The letter is meant to satisfy the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in authorizing passenger service on the line. Authority for passenger train excursions was previously granted through Resolution S-1, dated April 26, 1989, for the 1989 season.

ESRR trackage is normally used for freight operations.

The letter provides the following information:

1. Trips are scheduled between Willits and Eureka, and return, and between Eureka and Fort Seward, and return, and between Eureka and points along the Samoa Peninsula.
2. Service will be on weekends (including some Fridays) commencing on May 18, 1990, and continuing through October 14, 1990. Fares will range from \$35 for children (one way) to \$109 for adults (round trip); additionally for the Parlor coach, the fares will range from \$110 one way to \$175 round trip. The Eureka to Fort Seward and return trips are offered at \$29 for children and \$65 for adults.
3. Liability insurance of \$5,000,000 will be provided by the carrier for all passenger service.
4. A track patrol car, manned by Maintenance of Way personnel, will precede each train operating between Willits and Eureka and return, and Loleta and Fort Seward and return.

Recent Safety Division staff inspections have indicated that this is not a reasonable request unless track structure concerns, as outlined in Appendix A, are corrected.

The ESRR must either comply with or obtain an exemption from the clearance requirements of General Order 26-D in order to pass through tunnel 40.


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

1. The carrier may operate between Eureka and points along the Samoa Peninsula.
2. The carrier must correct all the conditions noted in Appendix A prior to operations between Willits and Eureka. The carrier may operate over any portion of the Willits to Eureka track where the conditions have been corrected and reported to the Commission's Safety Division staff.
3. Notwithstanding the above, the carrier must comply with, or have been granted an exemption from, the clearance requirements of General Order 26-D in order to operate through tunnel 40 (Milepost 272).
4. Track, equipment and operation 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 all state regulations including sections of the California Public Utilities Code and applicable CPUC General Orders.
5. Liability insurance requirements of not less than \$5,000,000 will be provided for each train operated and evidence of such insurance shall be provided to the Commission prior to any operations.
6. Radio-equipped track patrol vehicles, manned by qualified railroad personnel will proceed each train for safety purposes, except for trips between Eureka and points on the Samoa Peninsula.
7. This authority shall expire upon completion of the final run of October 14, 1990.

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I certify that the Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities
Commission at its regular conference on MAY 4 1990.
The following Commissioners approved it.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OCHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners


Executive Director

List of conditions and locations that do not meet the requirements for class one track as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 213) between Willits Milepost 139.5 and Milepost 271 at Loleta as identified during the inspection of Eureka Southern Railroad Company track structure during the week of April 16, 1990.

ITEMS NOTED ON BRADLEY HESS'S INSPECTION REPORTS

REPORT NO. 46

Item No. 4	Milepost 158.3	Defective condition, heel of switch insecure
Item No. 5	Milepost 158.3	Defective condition, heel of switch insecure
Item No. 6	Milepost 159.0	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/2"
ITEM NO. 7	Milepost 158.9	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 8	Milepost 158.9	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 14	Milepost 159.9	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/2"
Item No. 19	Milepost 160.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 25	Milepost 162.3	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 26	Milepost 162.6	Defective condition, drainage facility obstructed by debris
Item No. 27	Milepost 163.2	Defective condition, insufficient ballast
Item No. 35	Milepost 163.6	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 10 feet
Item No. 37	Milepost 164.8	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 11 feet
Item No. 38	Milepost 164.5	Defective condition, drainage facility deteriorated to allow subgrade saturation 200 feet
Item No. 41	Milepost 166.7	Defective condition, insufficient ballast
Item No. 42	Milepost 166.6	Defective condition, heel of switch insecure

REPORT NO. 47

Item No. 1	Milepost 162.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/2"
Item No. 2	Milepost 166.1	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 11 feet

REPORT No. 48

Item No. 1	Milepost 168.8	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 80 feet
Item No. 2	Milepost 168.7	Defective condition, loose joint bars
Item No. 3	Milepost 169.2	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 150 feet
Item No. 4	Milepost 169.7	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 10 feet
Item No. 7	Milepost 170.1	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 10 feet
Item No. 8	Milepost 170.5	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 10 feet
Item No. 15	Milepost 171.1	Defective condition, loose frog bolts
Item No. 16	Milepost 171.3	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 17	Milepost 171.3	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 18	Milepost 171.8	Defective condition, drainage facility not maintained, culvert pulled apart allowing ballast to leak and ties under rail to swing
Item No. 30	Milepost 173.2	Defective condition, drainage facility collapsed
Item No. 31	Milepost 173.9	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 20 feet
Item No. 32	Milepost 173.9	Defective condition, ballast 20 feet
Item No. 34	Milepost 175.1	Defective condition, ballast 15 feet
Item No. 41	Milepost 179.4	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 42	Milepost 181.7	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 8 feet
Item No. 46	Milepost 181.9	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 25 feet
Item No. 47	Milepost 183.5	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 30 feet
Item No. 48	Milepost 184.8	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 20 feet
Item No. 50	Milepost 186.3	Defective condition, drainage facility not maintained, 36" pipe pulled apart allowing ballast to leak through

Item No. 51	Milepost 187.9	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 12 feet
Item No. 52	Milepost 193.3	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 53	Milepost 193.3	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8
Item No. 54	Milepost 194.4	Defective condition, heel of switch insecure
Item No. 55	Milepost 195.3	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4
Item No. 56	Milepost 196.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8
Item No. 59	Milepost 197.1	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 60	Milepost 197.6	Defective condition, insufficient ballast
Item No. 61	Milepost 203.9	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 62	Milepost 204.4	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 63	Milepost 211.1	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 15 feet
Item No. 64	Milepost 213.6	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 6 feet
Item No. 64	Milepost 216.4	Defective condition, loose gaurd rail bolts
Item No. 67	Milepost 216.4	Defective condition, toe of frog not solidly tamped
Item No. 68	Milepost 219.9	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 6 feet
Item No. 70	Milepost 221.7	Defective condition, drainage facility not maintained, hole in ballast deck bridge
Item No. 71	Milepost 228.1	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4

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Item No. 1	Milepost 173.1	Defective condition, insufficient ballast 25 feet
Item No. 2	Milepost 175.4	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4

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REPORT NO. 33

Item No. 4	Milepost 143.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8"
Item No. 5	Milepost 143.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8"
Item No. 6	Milepost 143.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8"
Item No. 9	Milepost 144.7	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8"
Item No. 10	Milepost 144.8	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track
Item No. 11	Milepost 144.5	Defective condition, insufficient ballast
Item No. 12	Milepost 145.9	Defective condition, loose joint bars
Item No. 18	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, loose joint bars
Item No. 24	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, joint bar improper dimension
Item No. 25	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 26	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 27	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 28	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 29	Milepost 146.8	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 30	Milepost 146.9	Defective condition, culvert obstructed by debris
Item No. 58	Milepost 151.1	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 61	Milepost 154.9	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 65	Milepost 156.1	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 66	Milepost 156.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 67	Milepost 156.2	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"

REPORT NO. 34

Item No. 1	Milepost 145.6	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/2"
Item No. 2	Milepost 146.1	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"
Item No. 3	Milepost 146.1	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/4"

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Item No. 1	Milepost 207.0	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 2	Milepost 208.8	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 3	Milepost 208.8	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 4	Milepost 208.7	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 5	Milepost 208.1	Defective condition, culvert obstructed by vegetation
Item No. 6	Milepost 208.1	Defective condition, missing cotter pin in connecting rod
Item No. 8	Milepost 208.0	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 9	Milepost 207.7	Defective condition, ties not effectively distributed
Item No. 10	Milepost 207.7	Defective condition, toe of frog not solidly tamped
Item No. 11	Milepost 207.7	Defective condition, insufficient fasteners
Item No. 12	Milepost 207.5	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 13	Milepost 207.4	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 14	Milepost 207.2	Defective condition, insufficient ballast
Item No. 15	Milepost 207.2	Defective condition, ties not effectively distributed
Item No. 16	Milepost 207.1	Defective condition, defective joint ties
Item No. 17	Milepost 207	Defective condition, ties not effectively distributed
Item No. 18	Milepost 206.9	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 19	Milepost 206.8	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track 58 1/8"
Item No. 20	Milepost 206.5	Defective condition, gage exceeds allowable for curved track
Item No. 21	Milepost 206.5	Defective condition, ordinary broken rail

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Item No. 6	Milepost 243.9	Defective condition, loose joint bars
Item No. 13	Milepost 255.9	Defective condition, center cracked joint bar
Item No. 16	Milepost 256.9	Defective condition, loose frog bolts
Item No. 17	Milepost 257.2	Defective condition, loose joint bars
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Item No. 30	Milepost 257.8	Defective condition, loose joint bars
Item No. 31	Milepost 258.0	Defective condition, drainage facility obstructed by vegetation
Item No. 39	Milepost 259.2	Defective condition, heel of switch insecure
Item No. 45	Milepost 262.7	Defective condition, ordinary broken rail
Item No. 46	Milepost 262.7	Defective condition, toe of frog not solidly tamped
Item No. 47	Milepost 262.7	Defective condition, loose frog bolts
Item No. 51	Milepost 264.2	Defective condition, improper joint bars
Item No. 52	Milepost 264.2	Defective condition, improper joint bars
Item No. 53	Milepost 265.3	Defective condition, less than one bolt per rail end
Item No. 54	Milepost 264.5	Defective condition, missing cotter pins
Item No. 56	Milepost 266.4	Defective condition, loose guard rail bolts
Item No. 57	Milepost 266.4	Defective condition, joint bar not of proper size or dimension
Item No. 59	Milepost 269.2	Defective condition, toe of frog not solidly tamped
Item No. 60	Milepost 269.2	Defective condition, heel of switch insecure

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