

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Safety Division  
Railroad Operations & Safety Section

Resolution SR-28  
February 21, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER TRAIN EXCURSIONS ON THE TRACKS OF SIERRA RAILWAY OF CALIFORNIA AND SIERRA RAILROAD COMPANY BETWEEN JAMESTOWN AND LIME SPUR, AND BETWEEN JAMESTOWN AND CHINESE STATION AND BETWEEN JAMESTOWN AND KEYSTONE IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA DURING THE YEAR 1991.

By letter dated January 2, 1991, The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), at Railtown 1897 in Jamestown, California, through their concessionaire, the Sierra Railway of California, requests authority to operate passenger train excursions over its own trackage as well as that of the Sierra Railroad Company during the year 1991.

Trackage of the Sierra Railway of California is within DPR's Railtown 1897, a State Historic Park at Jamestown. Trackage of the Sierra Railway Company extends from Oakdale, California, to Fassler, California, near Sonora, and is normally used to conduct freight operations. Subject letter is to satisfy the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in authorizing passenger service on the lines. Authority was previously granted through Resolution SR-11, dated March 14, 1990, for the 1990 operations.

The letter provides the following information:

1. Trips are scheduled between Jamestown and Fassler and return (16 miles, 2.25 hour round trip), and, from Jamestown to Keystone, and return (24 miles, 2.5 hours round trip), and, from Jamestown to Chinese Station and return (12 miles, 1 hour round trip).
2. Service will be on weekends and holidays commencing on March 9, 1991 and continuing through the run of the New Year's Eve Party train of December 31, 1991. Special train/meal/party packages will be offered throughout the season. Fares will range from \$9.00 to more than \$40 for adults and from \$3.50 to more than \$20.00 for children depending on which train or travel package is selected.

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3. The concessionaire responsible for operation of the excursions is required to provide liability insurance of not less than \$2,000,000 within the state park and not less than \$2,000,000 when operating on trackage of the Sierra Railway Company outside of the park. 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 the trains can be conducted by the carrier as requested.

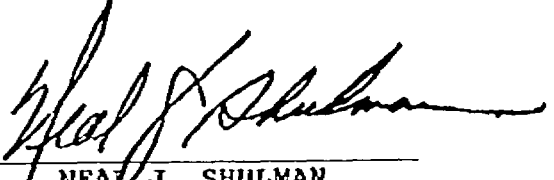
IT IS ORDERED that the requested authority is hereby granted subject to the following conditions:

1. 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.
2. Liability insurance requirements of not less than \$2,000,000, shall be provided for each run operated.
3. The entire operation shall be conducted in accordance with the Operating Rules and emergency plan of the Sierra Railroad Company.
4. This authority shall expire upon the completion of the New Year's Eve Party train of December 31, 1991.

I certify that the Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission on its regular conference on FEB 21 1991.  
The following Commissioners approved it:

I abstain.  
DANIEL WM. FESSLER  
Commissioner

I abstain  
NORMAN D. SHUMANY  
Commissioner

  
NEAL J. SHULMAN  
Executive Director

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
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