

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. SR-2
Safety Division

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, LIME SPUR AND
KEYSTONE IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, DURING THE YEAR
1989

By letter dated April 7, 1989, 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 1989. Trackage of Sierra Railway of California is within DPR's Railtown 1978, 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. Trips are scheduled between Jamestown to Lime Spur and return, from Jamestown to Keystone and return, and will operate between April and October, 1989. The fare will be \$7.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children 3-12 years. Children under 3 may ride free.
2. The service will be conducted on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Special trains with wine and cheese service will be run with fares of \$22.50 for adults and \$13.50 for children, as well as special barbecue trains with a fare of \$32.50 for adults and \$18.50 for children. Service will also include a New Year's Eve special at a fare of approximately \$35.00.
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 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 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 Emergency Plan and the applicable operating rules of the carriers 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 April 26, 1989.
The following Commissioners approved it.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
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