PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SAFETY DIVISION Railroad Safety Branch RESOLUTION SR-44 November 6, 1992

RESQLUTION

AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER TRAIN EXCURSIONS ON NOVEMBER 27, 28 AND 29, 1992 AND DECEMBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, AND 31, 1992 ON THE NORTH COAST RAILROAD BETWEEN EUREKA AND ARCATA, CALIFORNIA.

The California Public Utilities Commission staff received a letter dated September 4, 1992 from the North Coast Railroad Company through its General Manager, John H. Kosack, requesting authority to operate excursion passenger train service in November and December 1992 between Eureka and Arcata. This service is being offered in conjunction with the Eureka Inn 1992 Christmas Celebration. The letter has been submitted to satisfy the requirements of the Public Utilities Commission in authorizing this service. The letter provides the following details of the service:

- The carrier would like to operate special passenger trains in conjunction with the Eureka Inn Christmas Celebration in November and December 1992 between Eureka and Arcata which is approximately a 15-mile round trip. There will be two round trips daily between Eureka and Arcata. Dates of operation will be November 27, 28 and 29, 1992 and December 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 31, 1992.
- 2. The two weekday daily round trips will leave Eureka, California at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Trains on Sundays only will leave at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- 3. The fare will be \$10 per person round trip for all passengers riding the train. It is expected approximately 100 passengers will ride each trip.
- 4. The carrier will have liability insurance of not less than \$2,000,000 for all passenger service on the dates set forth above. This is in addition to general liability insurance coverage carried by the railroad and the Eureka Inn.

Based on the information contained in the letter, we conclude that the request is reasonable and agree that the carrier may operate the passenger trains as it requests, provided that the carrier complies with the conditions set forth herein and otherwise operates the passenger service in a manner consistent with public safety.

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

- Track, equipment, and operations shall be maintained according to applicable sections in the Code of Federal 1. Regulations applying to Common Carrier Railroad Corporations, as well as all State regulations, including sections of the California Public Utilities Code and applicable Public Utilities Commission General Orders.
- 2. Liability insurance requirements of not less than \$2,000,000 shall be provided for each passenger run operated.
- 3. The entire operation shall be conducted in accordance with the General Code of Operating Rules and the Emergency Plan of the North Coast Railroad.

I certify that the resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission on its regular conference on <u>NOVEMBER 6, 1992</u>. The following Commissioners approved it.

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