

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
Railroad Safety Branch

RESOLUTION SR-79
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R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION SR-79. AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER TRAIN EXCURSIONS ON THE YOLO SHORTLINE RAILROAD COMPANY (YSL) BETWEEN WOODLAND, CA AND WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (WOODLAND BRANCH), AND BETWEEN WEST SACRAMENTO, CA AND CLARKSBURG, CA (CLARKSBURG BRANCH).

SUMMARY

The Yolo Shortline Railroad Company has requested authority by letter to operate excursion passenger train service for a five-year period over its trackage between Woodland, CA and West Sacramento, CA and between West Sacramento, CA and Clarksburg, CA.

DISCUSSION

The letter provides the following details of service:

1. The carrier is planning to operate excursion trains:
 - a) charters to groups, and
 - b) semi-regular excursions with walk-up ticket sales.
2. All excursions will be round trip, with passengers returned to the point of origin.
3. No baggage will be checked or handled for any excursion, whether charter or walk-up.
4. All equipment being utilized conforms to state and federal regulations.
5. Track on both the Clarksburg and Woodland branches is Class I and II with areas better than class II.
6. Passenger excursions will not interfere with freight operations or vice versa.
7. All passenger operations will occur exclusively on Yolo Shortline owned track.
8. Yolo Shortline has in effect a \$5 million public liability and property damage insurance policy which covers both freight and passenger operations.

The Safety Division's Railroad Operations and Safety Section has inspected the carrier's tracks and equipment. Where defective conditions were noted, proper remedial action has been taken to meet the required level of safety for the requested operations to be conducted.

FINDINGS

Based upon the information contained in the carrier's letter and on the Safety Division's inspections, we conclude that the request is reasonable and agree that the carrier may operate the passenger excursions as it requests, provided that the carrier complies with the conditions set forth herein and otherwise operates this passenger excursion in a manner consistent with public safety.

THREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

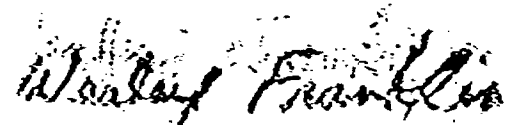
The requested authority is hereby granted subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Track, equipment, and operation shall be maintained according to applicable sections in the Code of Federal Regulations, as well as all state regulations, including sections of the California Public Utilities Code and applicable General Orders of the Public Utilities Commission.
- (2) Liability insurance requirements of not less than \$5,000,000 shall be provided for each of the passenger excursions run.
- (3) This authority shall expire July 6, 2000.

The effective date of this resolution is today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 6, 1995.

The following Commissioners approved it:



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