

Trains counted as discontinued in both tables also include weekend, holiday, seasonal, and mixed trains as well as instances where only a part of a route was eliminated. Some specific trains have been curtailed in two or more proceedings and are thereby counted as several discontinuances for each train.

When the statistics are adjusted for all these factors, the total number of regular trains discontinued in their entirety is approximately 500 rather than 913. But viewed with respect to the ever-declining total of intercity passenger trains and the pending notices proposing the removal of the last remaining service between major areas,³⁰ we believe that the prospect of even a reduced network of intercity rail passenger service for the future is highly questionable.

B. Differences Between Commuter and Intercity Cases

Commuter and intercity rail service have taken markedly different paths since 1960. A review of all section 13a cases indicates that only a small fraction involved the actual loss of commuter service. Our records do not reveal how many commuter trains have been discontinued by authority of state agencies.

³⁰ Now pending before the Commission are notices to discontinue the Southern Pacific's Sunset Limited which operates from New Orleans to Los Angeles, the Western Pacific's California Zephyr and the Southern Pacific's City of San Francisco. The latter trains represent the last direct service between the Ogden-Salt Lake City area and San Francisco.