

(7) The Company shall abandon the lines on the dates fixed.

(8) The Commission may on its own motion or under certain other circumstances, extend a date set for abandonment if the public interest requires it; or it may rescind an order for abandonment.

314D. (1) In dealing with abandonments, the Commission may recommend to railway companies the exchange of branch lines or of running rights, or the connection of branch lines with other lines of the company or with the lines of other companies.

(2) Costs of making recommended connections are operating expenses in the year the connection was made and company may claim for losses under 314E.