

Decision No. 12734

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the adequacy of )  
the passenger station facilities )  
of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY at )  
Sacramento, California. )

Case No. 1019.

George D. Squires, W. H. Devlin, E. J. Foulds and  
Elmer Westlake, for Southern Pacific Company.

R. L. Shinn, City Attorney, for City of Sacramento.  
Archibald Yell, City Attorney, for City of Sacramento.

G. J. Bradley, for Merchants & Manufacturers Traffic  
Association, for Sacramento Chamber of Commerce  
and in propria persona.

R. C. Drescher, for Chamber of Commerce.

C. Meredith, for Retail Merchants Association.

Victor Kohler, for Home Products League.

L. C. Hunter, for Jobbers' Association of Sacramento.

F. E. McKevitt, for California Fruit Distributors  
Association.

Mrs. E. W. Adams, for Women's Council of Sacramento.

Mrs. William Beckman, for Tuesday Club of Sacramento.

J. J. McDonald, for Commercial Club of Sacramento.

L. J. Keller, for Sacramento Realty Board.

D. W. Carmichael, in propria persona and for minority  
portion of City Commission of Sacramento.

George Z. Wait and James L. Flanagan, for citizens  
of Sacramento and for hotel interests.

BRUNDIGE, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

This is a matter which was instituted by the Commission in 1916. Public hearings were held at Sacramento December 12, 1916 before Commissioner Gordon; February 14, 1921 before Commissioner Devlin; and on October 2, 1923 before Commissioner Brundige.

At the first hearing considerable evidence was introduced by the Commission's engineers to show the inadequacy of the present facilities. The hearing was adjourned and further hearing postponed several times until, because of the World War and other considerations,

by stipulation dated June 4, 1917, all parties agreed that the matter be dropped from the calendar without prejudice.

At the hearing in 1921 Southern Pacific Company urged further postponement because of the so-called Central Pacific - Southern Pacific unmerger case, which was awaiting decision from the courts at that time.

At the last hearing of this matter Mr. William Sproule, President of the Southern Pacific Company, appeared and stated that his company would agree to erect a new passenger station at Sacramento. This declaration of purpose obviates the necessity of reciting at length the testimony as to the inadequacy of the present passenger station. The Southern Pacific Company offered for consideration a preliminary plan (Southern Pacific Company Exhibit No. 3), of a proposed new station to be erected on a site, centrally located, opposite the north end of Fourth Street and adjacent on the north to the tract of two and one half city blocks owned by the City of Sacramento north of "I" Street and between Third and Fifth Streets.

The matter was submitted with the understanding that the City Council of the City of Sacramento would promptly, either officially approve or disapprove, and that the Merchants and Manufacturers Association would also approve or disapprove, of the location proposed on this exhibit. By Resolution No. 778, adopted October 11, 1923, (a certified copy of which has been filed with the Commission) the City of Sacramento officially approved the location proposed by Southern Pacific Company in said Exhibit and by letter dated October 15, 1923 the Merchants & Manufacturers Traffic Association and the Jobbers' & Manufacturers Association also approved of this proposed location. In submitting the matter it was further agreed that within ninety (90) days after the Commission had made its decision in this case Southern Pacific Company

would present for the approval of the Commission detailed plans for the new passenger station and its appurtenances, to be located as shown on the hereinabove mentioned exhibit.

The following form of order is recommended:

### O R D E R

The Commission having, on its own motion, instituted an investigation into the adequacy of the passenger station facilities of Southern Pacific Company at Sacramento, California, public hearings having been held, the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

THE COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that the present passenger station of the Southern Pacific Company in the City of Sacramento is inadequate and unfitted for the proper service of its patrons, and that a new passenger station should be erected, to promote the security and convenience of its employees and the public, and to secure adequate service and facilities in said city; and basing its order upon the said findings of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company be, and it is hereby directed to construct a new passenger station in the City of Sacramento in the general location shown upon Southern Pacific Company Exhibit No. 3 according to plans and specifications which shall hereafter be approved by the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company be, and it is hereby directed to file said detailed plans with the Commission within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and

ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission  
of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
October, 1923.

C. J. Seavery  
H. H. Brundage  
Dwight M. Stewart

Commissioners.