

DECISION NO. 13707.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for author- )  
ity to close agency at Los Alamitos )  
Station, Orange County, California, ) APPLICATION NO. 10299  
during the period November 1st to )  
July 31st, inclusive, of each year. )

BY THE COMMISSION -

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of its agency station of Los Alamitos in Orange County on its Los Angeles Division during the period from November 1st to July 31st, inclusive, of each year.

Applicant alleges that the maintenance of an agency station at Los Alamitos during the period from November 1st to July 31st, inclusive, is unremunerative and that the expense thereby incurred is not warranted by the amount of revenue derived from the traffic handled during such period; that no passenger business is handled at this station; that justification for the maintenance of an agency station exists only during the months of August, September and October of each year during which months shipments are made to and from beet sugar factories located at Los Alamitos in volume sufficient to require the services of an agent; and that during the months in which authority is requested for the closing of the agency the requirements of the public will be reasonably cared for by the maintenance and operation of Los Alamitos as a non-agency station.

The Commission has given consideration to the statistical statements showing traffic handled and revenue derived therefrom as filed as exhibits attached to the application herein and investigation has also been made with the principal shippers and receivers of freight at Los Alamitos. From our investigation it appears that there is no material objection to the granting of the application other than that in the case of a late season as regarding the harvesting of the sugar beet crop the closing of the agency on November 1st might result in depriving the sugar plants of the agency service which should be available during the period of their greatest transportation need. In view of the representations of the applicant and the investigation which has subsequently been made by the Commission, we are of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be conditionally granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to close its agency station at Los Alamitos in Orange County on its Los Angeles Division during the period from December 1st to July 31st, inclusive, of each year, provided, however, that if a written statement be filed by applicant from the Holly Sugar Company and Los Alamitos Sugar Company consenting to the discontinuance of the agency as of November 1st or 15th of each year instead of December 1st, such agreed date may be considered the effective date for the closing of the agency during such particular year. The station of Los Alamitos is to be maintained and operated as a non-agency station during all the months of the year except such as are hereinabove

specified as those in which it is to be operated as an agency station, and this order shall be effective until hereafter canceled or amended by supplemental order of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of August, 1924.

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Commissioners.

