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Decision No. 14285-

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of Application of)
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an)
order authorizing discontinuance of) :Application No. 10359
agency at Summerland Station, County)
of Santa Barbara, State of California.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of the agency station now maintained at Summerland on its Los Angeles Division in Santa Barbara County.

Applicant alleges that the maintenance of the agency is unremunerative and is not justified by the amount of business transacted; and that the future operation of the station as a non-agency will furnish adequate service to the public until such time as additional traffic will have been developed in sufficient volume to justify the reestablishment of an agent.

Exhibits attached to the application show the revenue received from its operation and it appears that the annual expense of conducting this station amounts to 96.62 per cent of all revenue derived from the passenger ticket sales and from the receipts from the handling of less-than-carload freight, both received and forwarded. This expense is unreasonable and does not justify the continued maintenance of the agency in that an excessive expense is incurred, not justified by the volume

of business transacted and a burden on other shippers and receivers of freight at other points on the applicant's system.

The Commission had made an independent investigation of this matter since the filing of the application and the protest received from one patron has been withdrawn by arrangements being made by the applicant to care for freight shipments to such protestant being received with charges collect.

We are of the opinion, after due consideration of the application and accompanying exhibits and our own investigation, that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to discontinue the maintenance of an agent at the station of Summerland in Santa Barbara County on its Los Angeles Division and to hereafter maintain and operate said station as a non-agency station until the further order or direction of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of November, 1924.

C. L. Seaver
H. B. Brundage
I. Irving Martin
Robert Shore
J. T. Whittley
Commissioners