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Decision No. 14316

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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 agency at Fruto Station, County Application No. 10616
of Glenn, State of California.)
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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of its agency station at Fruto in Glenn County on its Sacramento Division.

Applicant alleges that the maintenance of this agency is unremunerative and is not justified by the amount of business transacted; that the maintenance of Fruto as a non-agency station will furnish adequate service to the public until such time as additional traffic will have developed sufficient to warrant the re-establishment of an agency.

Exhibits attached to the application show that for the yearly period ending September 30, 1924, no passenger business originated at Fruto Station; that the revenue derived from less-than-carload freight, both received and forwarded, amounted to but \$2,323. The annual cost of maintaining this agency is \$1641.72 or 70.67 per cent of the amount received from all less-than-carload freight revenue. The carload shipments received at and forwarded from this station are not of a character re-

quiring the services of an agent for their handling.

This station is at present served by one mixed train per week and the continued maintenance of an agent at this point places an unreasonable burden on the public in that the amount of expense now required for the operation of this station can be, and should be, devoted to the public service at points where the volume of business more equitably justifies such cost.

In view of the sworn statements as appearing in the application and after full consideration of the exhibits, we are of the opinion 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 its station of Fruto in Glenn County on its Sacramento Division and to hereafter maintain and operate said station of Fruto as a non-agency station until the further order or direction of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day
December
of ~~November~~, 1924.

C. S. Sherry

J. Irving Martin
Egerton Shore

J. T. Whittier
Commissioners