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Decision No. 14607

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 the discontinuance
of agency at Herndon Station, County
of Fresno, State of California.

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: Application No. 10068
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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has
petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing
the closing of its agency station at Herndon on its Stockton
Division in Fresno County.

Applicant alleges that the operation of the agency
station is unremunerative and that the maintenance of the
station as a non-agency will adequately care for the needs of
the shipping public until such time as increased traffic will
have been developed to a point justifying the re-establishment
of an agent.

Statistical statements filed as exhibits, and as a
part of the application herein show the following data for the
period ending February 29, 1924.

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ORIGINAL

Passenger Revenue

Agents Ticket Sales \$18.00

Less than Carload Freight

Forwarded 94.00

Received 240.00

334.00

Total Passenger and Less than carload
Freight Revenue 352.00

Carload Freight Revenue

Forwarded 4527.00

Received 9777.00

14304 .00

Total Revenue - \$ 14656 .00

The expense of maintaining the agency for the foregoing period was \$2361.24.

From the foregoing tabulation it appears that the expense of maintaining the agency amounted to 670.74% of the revenue derived from passenger tickets sold and less than carload freight - both received and forwarded, and to 16.1% of the revenue derived from all sources.

The services of an agent are principally necessary in the handling of passenger business and less than carload freight and the expense at Herndon has been unreasonable for such service. The carload freight business handled at this station is not of a character that requires the services of an agent and the expense of continuing the agency is not justified and is a burden on other patrons and shippers of this applicant.

After full consideration of the exhibits herein presented we are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary; that the expense of maintaining an agency station is not justified by the volume of traffic handled; 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 Herndon in Fresno County on its Stockton Division and to hereafter maintain and operate said Herndon Station as a non-agency station until the further order or direction of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of February January, 1925.

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George D. Squires
Frank Scott
Commissioners.