

Decision No. 14712

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an order)
authorizing discontinuance of agency) Application No. 10801
at Highgrove, County of Riverside,)
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 as now maintained at Highgrove in Riverside County on its Los Angeles Division.

Applicant alleges that but a small amount of business requiring the service of an agent is transacted at this point; that the continued maintenance of an agency is not justified; and that the operation of the station as a non-agency will furnish adequate service to the public until such time as additional traffic will have developed in volume sufficient to justify the reestablishment of the agency.

Highgrove is station at which no passenger business is transacted and is not served by passenger trains of the applicant and no passenger business was handled at said station during the year ending October 31, 1924.

Exhibits filed by applicant for the yearly period ending October 31, 1924, show the following data as to less than carload freight revenue:

Less-than-carload freight

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| Received | \$316.00 |
| Forwarded | <u>38.00</u> |
| Total | \$354.00 |

The carload business is of a character that does not require the service of an agent, the outgoing shipments being citrus fruits moving through packing houses, and the incoming shipments consisting of box shoo, fuel and gas oil, cattle, feed, and fertilizer.

The expense of conducting the agency during the period above named amounted to \$1896.00, and such expense, in view of the limited amount of traffic for which the services of an agent are required, is an unreasonable burden on other shippers and receivers of freight, and patrons of the applicant.

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 it hereby is authorized to discontinue the maintenance of an agent at its station of Highgrove in Riverside 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 21st day of March, 1925.

H. B. Brandize
Charles V.
Ernest Shore
George D. Quinn
James E. ...
COMMISSIONERS.