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## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for author-  
ity to close the agency of Alma Station,  
County of Santa Cruz, State of California,  
during the period November 1st to  
April 30th, inclusive, of each year. ) APPLICATION  
NO. 10856

BY THE COMMISSION -

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the closing of the agency station at Alma in Santa Cruz County on its Coast Division from November 1st to April 30th, inclusive, of each year.

Applicant alleges that the maintenance of the station during the period of the year in which the agency is proposed to be discontinued is not justified by the volume of business handled; and that the operation of the station as a non-agency will furnish adequate service to the public until such time as sufficient additional business shall have developed which will justify the maintenance of an agency throughout the entire year.

A statement of business handled and revenue received therefrom for the calendar year ending December 31, 1924, filed as an exhibit to and as a part of the application herein, shows the following data as regards the period for which authorization of the discontinuance of agency is requested:

Agents' Ticket Sales	\$262.00
Less than carload freight	
Received	391.00
Forwarded	30.00
Total Ticket Sales and L.C.L. Freight	421.00
	\$683.00

No carload freight, either received or forwarded, was handled during this period.

The expense of agents' salary and station supplies for the period amounted to \$775.20 which amount is 113.50% of all revenue received.

It is apparent that the amount expended for the maintenance of an agency during the period of the year for which authorization to discontinue has been requested is unreasonable and unjustified in that the revenue received from the business transacted is less than the amount necessary to defray the expense of the agents' salary and the station supplies and constitutes a burden on other 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 the same hereby is authorized to close its agency station at Alma in Santa Cruz County on its Coast Division during the period from November 1st to April 30th, inclusive, of each year until the further order or direction of this Commission, and during such months to maintain and operate said station as a non-agency station.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1925.

H. B. Burdige  
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Eugene S. Shaw  
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