

Decision No. 15513

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for author-)
ity to close the agency at Montalvo)
Station, County of Ventura, State of)
California, during the period)
January 1st to July 31st, inclusive.)
of each year.)

Application No. 11752.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of an agency at its station of Montalvo in Ventura County on its Los Angeles Division during the period from January 1st to July 31st, inclusive, of each year.

Applicant alleges that the maintenance of the station as a non-agency during the period of each year that it is proposed to be closed will provide adequate service for the public and its patrons until such time as traffic conditions will justify the re-establishment of an agency throughout the entire year.

From exhibits filed as a portion of the application herein it appears that the revenue derived from traffic handled at this station during the period of the past year comparable with the months in which the agency discontinuance is proposed is as follows:

Passenger Tickets sold \$295.12

Less-than-Carload Freight

Received \$345.00

Forwarded 25.00 370.00

Total Tickets sold and

L. C. L. Freight 665.12

Car Load Freight

Received \$2040.00

Forwarded 4047.00 6087.00

Total Revenue \$6752.12

During the same period the salary of the agent and the expense of station supplies amounted to \$1232.54. It therefore appears that the cost of maintaining the agency has required 185.31 per cent of the revenue received from the passenger tickets sold and the less-than-carload freight (both received and forwarded), these items being those for which the services of an agent are most necessary. The agency expense has required 18.25 per cent of the total revenue received at the station.

After full consideration of this matter and of the exhibits accompanying the application 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 Montalvo in Ventura County, on its Los Angeles Division during the period from January 1st to July 31st, inclusive, of each year and during such period to

maintain and operate said station as a non-agency station. The authority hereby granted to be effective until the further order or direction of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 9th day of October, 1925.

H. H. Brundage

C. C. Seavey

George D. Squires

Leon Whitely

Commissioners.