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Decision No. 18379.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, for authority to close applicant's station at Yettem, California, from December 1st to July 1st, each year.

Application No. 13,683.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the closing of its agency station of Yettem on its Valley Division in Tulare County, State of California, from December 1st to July 1st, each year, and to operate same as a blind siding during said period, and to open and keep open said station as a regular agency station from the 1st day of July to the 1st day of December each year.

Applicant alleges that Eighty-four dollars and 87/100 (\$84.87) passenger business was transacted at the agency station of Yettem during the period from December 1st, 1925 to June 30th, 1926; that 6,087 pounds less than carload freight business was received and forwarded at said station during said seven months period; that carload freight business for the said seven months period amounted to fifteen (15) cars received; that the abandonment of said agency station from December 1st to July 1st, each year will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; and that, in the opinion of applicant, the continued maintenance of

the agency station the year round is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public. The California Farm Bureau Federation has been consulted in this matter and has advised this Commission that it has no objections to the granting of this application.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, to close its agency station of Yettem, located on the Visalia Branch of its Valley Division in Tulare County, State of California, from December 1st to July 1st, each year, and during said period to operate said station as a blind siding; provided, however, that from July 1st to December 1st each year, said station shall be maintained as a regular agency station.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1927.

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Commissioners.