

Decision No. 18402

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority )  
to close agency at Boca Station, ) Application  
County of Nevada, State of California. ) No.12807  
)

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to discontinue the maintenance of an agent at its station of Boca on its Sacramento Division in Nevada County, alleging that the Union Ice Company which for several years has harvested ice at Boca did not store any ice during the winter season of 1925; that the store and hotel at Boca has been closed; that business has fallen off to such an extent that the maintenance of an agency is unremunerative; and that in the opinion of applicant the agency should be closed until such time as business will have developed to an extent justifying its re-establishment.

Exhibits attached to and forming a part of the application show the passenger revenue as received at Boca for the yearly period ending February 28, 1926, and the freight revenue for the yearly period ending December 31, 1925. From these exhibits the following data has been compiled -

Revenue from tickets sold	-	\$1376.00
Less-than-carload freight		
Forwarded	\$ 647.00	
Received	<u>1388.00</u>	<u>2035.00</u>
Total, Tickets Sold and L.C.L. Freight		\$3411.00
Carload Freight		
Forwarded	35004.00	
Received	<u>11654.00</u>	<u>46658.00</u>
Total Revenue		\$48069.00

The expense of maintaining the agency for the yearly period ending February 28, 1926, was \$2624.97.

Based on the foregoing data, the expense of maintaining an agency has amounted to 76.96 percent of the revenue received from ticket sales and less than carload freight, and to 5.46 percent of the total revenue received.

The carload business handled during the year ending December 31, 1925, was as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	
	<u>Forwarded</u>	<u>Received</u>
Ice	605	-
Hay	1	-
Wood	7	-
Lumber	1	14
Sheep	1	-
Miscellaneous	8	5
Sand, Gravel and Rock	-	30
Crude Oil	-	1
Structural Iron	-	10
Cement	-	10
Totals	<u>623</u>	<u>120</u>

The Union Ice Company, the principal shipper and receiver of carload freight, and also less-than-carload freight for material, repair parts and supplies, have advised the Commission that it does not protest the granting of the application, and similar advice has been received from the Law and Utilities Department of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

In connection with our investigation of this application a condition was developed regarding the passenger transportation at Boca. It appears that four classes of round-trip tickets are now sold, (a) with 30-day limit, (b) from Friday to Tuesday, (c) from Saturday to Monday, and (d) Sunday only.

In the event of the closing of the agency opportunity for purchasing round-trip tickets would not be available for the public unless arrangements were made for such tickets to be sold by conductors, and the patrons of the company should continue to receive the benefit of reduced round-trip rates.

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 Boca on its Sacramento Division in Nevada County, and to hereafter maintain and operate said station as a non-agency station until the further order of this Commission. The granting of the foregoing authority is subject to the condition that applicant shall continue available to the public the opportunity to purchase all <sup>classes of</sup> round-trip tickets as heretofore purchased from the agency at Boca, by arrangements whereby such tickets may be procured from train conductors or any other suitable arrangement which may be established by applicant.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1927.

COMMISSIONERS.