

Decision No. 18634

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## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern Pacific	)	
Company and Southern Pacific	)	
Railroad Company for authority	)	Application No. 13899.
to abandon part of their Alcalde	)	
Branch, in Fresno County, California.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, applicants herein, have filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of a part of their Alcalde Branch line on their San Joaquin Division in Fresno County, State of California, and more definitely described as beginning at Engineer Station 3123+02.5 at or near Le Roy Station, thence running in a general southwesterly direction to Engineer Station 3186+81.8 at or near Alcalde Station, a length of 1.2 miles of main track and 0.22 miles of side tracks, together with all appurtenances and appendages and adjuncts thereto. Applicant alleges that no business is done over said portion of said line, there being no longer any traffic, either freight or passenger, offered for transportation thereover; that it requires needless expense to maintain said portion of said line in a condition suitable for operation.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, under date of May 10th, 1927, issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity to applicants, authorizing them to abandon said portion of said line and operation thereover from Crump to Alcalde, a distance

of 3.18 miles (Finance Docket No. 6095); but at this time it is only desired to abandon that portion of the line between Le Roy and Alcalde, hereinabove described, that is to say, the southwesterly 1.2 miles thereof.

The Commission's Service Inspector has made an investigation which discloses that no service, either freight or passenger, has been rendered over this portion of the Alcalde Branch for several years last past; that there is no indication that service will ever be required between Le Roy and Alcalde and that the rails, ties and other appurtenances thereto are deteriorating.

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 Southern Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, applicants herein, to abandon that part of their Alcalde Branch line on their San Joaquin Division, in Fresno County, more definitely described as beginning at Engineer Station 3123+02.5 at or near Le Roy Station, thence running in a general southwesterly direction to Engineer Station 3186+18.8 at or near Alcalde Station, a length of 1.2 miles of main track and 0.22 miles of side tracks, together with all appurtenances and appendages and adjuncts thereto.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that authority be and it is hereby granted to applicant to discontinue said service between Le Roy and Alcalde and to cancel, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all rate tariffs and time schedules between the

said points and between other points and Alcalde.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1927.

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Leon Whitell

Commissioners.