

Decision No. 19698**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 VISALIA ELECTRIC RAILROAD COMPANY)
 for leave to close its joint agency) Application No. 12380
 at Strathmore Station, in the County)
 of Tulare, State of California.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Visalia Electric Railroad Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the closing of its portion of the joint agency at Strathmore in the County of Tulare.

Applicant alleges that said agency, maintained jointly with the Southern Pacific Company, is not necessary and that it is desired to close applicant's agency business at such point and establish same at Exeter in said Tulare County; that applicant now maintains no passenger service at Strathmore; that no scheduled freight service is operated to or from said station; that no less-than-carload freight is handled to or from said station; that during the year 1925 no business was transacted at Strathmore station by applicant except business for non-agency stations located between Strathmore and Exeter, which business can be as satisfactorily handled by the proposed joint agency at Exeter; that the applicant's proportion of the maintenance of the joint agency at Strathmore amounts to \$928.50 per year; and that the continued maintenance of the joint agency is not required by the public and the patrons of applicant.

Informal investigation by the Commission has not resulted in protest against the granting of the application, which has the endorsement of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

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 Visalia Electric Railroad Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to discontinue the maintenance of its portion of the joint agency at the station of Strathmore, County of Tulare, and to hereafter maintain and operate said Strathmore station as a non-agency station unless otherwise directed by further order of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of May, 1928.

Clarence
Edward
Paul & Robert
W. H. C.
COMMISSIONERS.