

Decision No. 26458

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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 La Bolsa Station, County of Orange, State of California.

APPLICATION NO. 14800

C. W. Cornell, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION

Southern Pacific Company by this application seeks authority to abandon its agency at La Bolsa Station, Orange County, California.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Williams at Huntington Beach on October 3, 1928, at which time the matter was submitted.

It appears that the gross revenue on freight forwarded and received at this agency during the twelve months ending August 31, 1928, was \$50,990. No passenger business was handled. Of the freight revenue, \$47,591 accrued on carload shipments and but \$2,399 on less than carload shipments. Seventy-five per cent of the carload business handled at this station consists of oil and its products, which commodities do not require the immediate supervision of an agent in order to insure proper handling. The station expenses during the same 12-month period was \$1,733, or seventy-two per cent of the total revenue from less-than-carload freight. No one appeared to protest the granting of the application.

Applicant has made arrangements whereby the agent of the Pacific Electric Railway Company at Huntington Beach, approximately two miles south of La Bolsa, will furnish shipping forms to shippers from La Bolsa, upon request. It appears that during a few months of the year, particularly during October, November and December, the less-than-carload business at this station has been fairly large, and applicant agreed to maintain an agent at La Bolsa during such periods, if in the future the business should continue. The Commission is of the opinion that the continued maintenance of an agency is not warranted, except during the period mentioned, as the bulk of the business does not require the supervision of an agent.

## ORDER

Southern Pacific Company having filed the above entitled application for permission to abandon its agency at La Bolsa, Orange County, California, a public hearing having been held, the matter being under submission and ready for decision, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that authority be and the same is hereby granted to Southern Pacific Company to abandon its agency at La Bolsa, Orange County, California, and to

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change its station records and tariffs accordingly; provided, however, that such station be continued as a non-agency station.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>1316</u>-day of <u>Normbol</u>, 1928.

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Commissioners.