

Decision No. 20539.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of Application of  
 SOUTH PACIFIC COAST RAILWAY COMPANY  
 and SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, its  
 lessee, for authority to discontinue  
 operation of passenger trains on  
 their branch line between Santa Cruz  
 and Boulder Creek, and to discontinue  
 Trains Nos. 119 and 116 between  
 Felton and Santa Cruz, during the  
 period approximately from October  
 15th to May 15th of each year.

Application No. 15166.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The South Pacific Coast Railway Company, a corporation, and Southern Pacific Company, its Lessee, also a corporation, have applied to the Commission for authority to discontinue operation of passenger trains, No. 115 and No. 118, on its branch line between Felton and Boulder Creek, in Santa Cruz County, and to discontinue operation of local trains No. 119 and No. 116, between Felton and Santa Cruz, during the period approximately from October 15th of each year to May 15th of the following year.

It is alleged that the earnings for said trains during this period are far less than the out-of-pocket costs of their operation and that they run practically empty during that period. That the public service provided by said trains during this period can be adequately accommodated at no greater cost to the public by the motor coaches of Southern Pacific Motor Transport Company, a subsidiary corporation, now operating upon the same route and between the same termini.

The San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce, representing the various communities between Felton and Boulder Creek, has by resolution, expressed itself as recommending the change proposed in this application.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary; that the proposed discontinuance of these trains during the period mentioned will not unreasonably inconvenience the public; and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that South Pacific Coast Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company be, and they are, hereby authorized to discontinue operation of Trains No. 115 and No. 118, between Boulder Creek and Felton, in the County of Santa Cruz, and Trains No. 116 and No. 119 operating between Felton and Santa Cruz, during the period approximately from October 15th of each year to May 15th of the following year, upon five (5) days notice to this Commission and to the public.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of September, 1928.

Leon Whitall  
Secretary

Thos. D. Lewis

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Commissioners