

Decision No. 20626

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
for an order authorizing the abandon-
ment and removal of a Spur Track at
applicant's station of Hacienda, in
the County of Alameda, State of
California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 15009.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, filed with the Commission on August 31, 1928, an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of a spur track at its non-agency station of Hacienda on its Western Division in Alameda County, which application was amended on November 30, 1928, to include the abandonment of the non-agency station of Hacienda.

Applicant alleges that no freight traffic has been transported from or to said spur and/or non-agency station since the year 1924, with the exception of (1) one carload of stone shipped during the month of June, 1927, from Tapis, a station located on the rails of Southern Pacific Company in California, destined to Hacienda, (2) one carload of cement shipped during the month of August, 1927, from Valley Springs, a station located on the rails of Southern Pacific Company in California, destined to Hacienda, and (3) one carload shipment consisting of a crane shipped from Hacienda to Livermore.

(located approximately eight miles distant from Hacienda), five carloads of structural steel shipped from Oakland to Hacienda, and one carload consisting of a crane shipped from Trevarne (located approximately ten miles distant from Hacienda), destined to Hacienda, during the month of September, 1927; that the shipments which moved during the months of June, August and September in the year 1927, and referred to in Paragraph V of the amended application, were of an exceptional or sporadic character in that they were consigned to or shipped by a contractor at that time engaged in highway construction work in the vicinity of said spur; that the use of the said spur and of said non-agency station for such shipments was of a temporary nature and ceased upon the completion of the construction work in which said contractor was engaged; that, in applicant's opinion, there is no prospect of any carload freight traffic being shipped from or destined to said spur and/or said non-agency station in the future, and said facilities therefore serve no useful purposes and should be abandoned, removed, and/or discontinued.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has informed the Commission by letter that said organization offers no objection to the granting of this application.

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 The Western Pacific Railroad Company to abandon and remove its spur track located at the non-agency station of Hacienda on its Western Division in Alameda County.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, to abandon its non-agency station of Hacienda, located on its Western Division in Alameda County, and to eliminate said non-agency name from its station records, and to cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission all rate tariffs and time schedules applying at said non-agency station.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of December, 1928.

Leon Whittell

W. A. Scarey

Thomas L. Latta

M. J. Linn
Commissioners.