

Decision No. 29820

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for author-  
ity to close agency at El Prado Sta-  
tion, Fresno County, California.

**ORIGINAL**  
Application No. 15398.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the closing of its agency at El Prado on its San Joaquin Division in Fresno County, State of California.

Applicant alleges that \$240. passenger business was transacted at the agency station of El Prado during the annual period ending October 31st, 1928; that \$1,860.00 less than carload business was transacted at said station during said annual period; that carload freight business in amount of \$32,735.00 was transacted at said station during the same period; that Southern California Edison Company, the principal shipper and receiver of carload freight at this point, has been interviewed by applicant and has expressed its approval of the proposed abandonment; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; and that, in the opinion of applicant, the continued maintenance of said agency is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has been consulted in this matter and advises that it has no objections to offer to the granting of this application.

Investigation by the Transportation Division of the Commission discloses that there are no business houses or dwellings and no population at El Prado but that it is merely a transfer point between the Southern Pacific Company and the San Joaquin and Eastern Railroad Company; that practically no business originates at that point except from the Southern California Edison Company, which has been making extensive improvements in its plant at Big Creek and has been making large shipments of supplies and material via the Southern Pacific Company; and, that these improvements are now completed and the need for an agent at El Prado no longer exists.

San Joaquin and Eastern Railroad Company, by Application No. 15321, has requested authority to abandon freight and ticket agency at said El Prado Station and continue the operation of this station as a non-agency prepay station.

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, a corporation, to abandon its agency at El Prado, located on the Friant Branch of its San Joaquin Division in Fresno County, State of California, and to eliminate said agency name from its station records; provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency, applicant will continue to serve the public at this point by means of a non-agency station.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1929.

David L. Lott  
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Leon A. Whitell  
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Commissioners.