

Decision No. 20871.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application  
of Southern Pacific Company (Pa-  
cific Lines) and San Joaquin &  
Eastern Railroad Company for per-  
mission to abandon the freight  
and ticket agency at Station El  
Prado, California.

Application No. 15321.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of its agency station at El Prado on its line in Fresno County, State of California.

Applicant alleges that passenger business to the amount of \$29.70 was transacted at the agency station of El Prado during the annual period ending December 31, 1928; that \$86.26 less than carload business was transacted at said station during said annual period; that carload freight business in amount of \$226.93 was transacted at said station during the same period; that interested shippers and receivers of carload freight have been interviewed by applicant and have expressed their approval to the proposed abandonment; that the abandonment of said agency station will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; and that, in the opinion of applicant, the continued maintenance of this agency station is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public. The California Farm Bureau Federation has been con-

sulted 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, dwellings or population at El Prado except railroad employees, and practically no business originating or destined to that point and therefore no necessity for continued maintenance of an agency at that location.

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 San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad Company, a corporation, to abandon its agency station at El Prado, located on its line 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 station applicant will continue to serve the public at that 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1929.

Thos. D. Lewis  
C. J. Dennis  
Wm. H. K. [unclear]  
Leon [unclear]

Commissioners.