

Decision No. 21643

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application of  
Southern Pacific Company for  
authority to close agency at  
Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz County,  
California, during the period  
September 1st to May 31st, in-  
clusive, of each year.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 15641.

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 abandonment of its agency at Ben Lomond in Santa Cruz County, during the period from September 1st of each year to June 1st of the following year.

It appears that approximately \$75.00 per month passenger business was transacted at said station during the months that applicant proposes to discontinue the agency; that \$521.00 less than carload business was transacted at said station during the nine months in 1928 that, under the proposal of applicant, the agency would be closed; that carload freight business in amount of \$1417.00 was transacted at said station during the same period; that the expense of maintaining an agency during this period of each year is approximately \$1225.00; that agencies are maintained at Boulder Creek, 3.4 miles east, and Felton, 3.9 miles west; 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 the agency during the period proposed is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public.

California Farm Bureau has stated in writing that it will offer no objection to the closing of said agency and the secretary of the San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce has signified that arrangements in regard to disposition of less-than-carload freight satisfactory to that body have been made. The San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce has also requested that the agency remain open until October 1st of each year.

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 Ben Lomond, in Santa Cruz County, during the period from October 1st of each year, to June 1st of the following year, to eliminate said station from its records as an agency station during said period; provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency each year, applicant will continue to maintain a non-agency station at Ben Lomond and that during such time as no agent is maintained, all incoming L.C.L. shipments not called for at time of arrival of train be placed in the freight house, the door locked and the key left with a responsible party.

Notice of the closing of said agency shall be posted at said station at least five days in advance of the actual closing date.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on

the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day  
of October, 1929.

Thos D. Lovell  
Clarence  
Sumner  
Leon Whitell

Commissioners.