

Decision No. 21823.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority to abandon non-agency station at North Branch, County of Calaveras, State of California.	Application No. 16021.
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BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, filed with the Commission on October 17, 1929, an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of its non-agency station of North Branch, located on its Valley Springs Branch, Stockton Division, in Calaveras County, as a station of record, and to cancel all rates and time table schedules covering said station.

Applicant alleges that North Branch Station was established at the time the line of railroad was extended from Valley Springs to the cement plant of Calaveras Cement Company and was located at the end of Southern Pacific Company's portion of track where it connected with the line of railroad owned by Calaveras Cement Company, North Branch Station being the point of delivery of shipments to and from the cement plant; that the track owned by the Calaveras Cement Company extended to a point known as Kentucky House; that said track has since been acquired by Southern Pacific Company; that a non-agency station has been established at that point known as Kentucky House for the purpose of receiving and delivering freight and passengers formerly handled at North Branch Station, and that therefore in applicant's opinion, said North Branch Station is no longer required.

Calaveras Cement Company, the only shipper from this station, has signified by letter that it has no objection to the abandonment of this non-agency station of North Branch.

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 non-agency station at North Branch in Calaveras County, and to eliminate said station from its records as a non-agency station; and to cancel, in conformity with rules of the Commission, all rate tariffs and time schedules applying to and from said non-agency station.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1929.

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