

Decision No. 23489

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 OAKLAND, ANTIOCH & EASTERN RAILWAY ) Application No. 3059  
 to discontinue a certain branch of its )  
 line, known as the Meinert Branch. )

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Oakland, Antioch & Eastern Railway, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance and abandonment of its branch line of railway known as the Meinert Branch, extending from the station on its main line known as Meinert to the station of Walwood, a distance of 2.981 miles, all in Contra Costa County. Applicant alleges that the cost of operating said branch line has largely exceeded the revenue derived from said branch and that extensive repairs and replacements are necessary if the operation of the line is to be continued, the expense of such repairs and replacements not being justified by the volume of traffic available for transportation.

The traffic handled over this branch has consisted principally of freight, but one passenger train each day being operated. The freight revenue was derived from the transportation of lime rock in carloads but due to the closing down of the rock quarry, further movement of this commodity has not been available.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa, by its resolution unanimously adopted, has accepted a relinquishment of the franchise heretofore granted for the construction, maintenance and operation of the line of railway in Ygnacio Valley (known as the Meinert Branch). A copy of such resolution has been filed with this Commission.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of March, 1931.

C. L. ...  
Leon ...  
M. A. ...  
W. B. Harris  
Frederic ...  
COMMISSIONERS.