Decision No. 23884

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of LOS ANGELES & SALT LAKE RAILROAD COMPANY, a corporation, for Authority to abandon and close a Station on its Main Line known as Mira Loma Station except during the Grape Loading Season extending from August 15th to November 15th of each year. ORIGINAL

APPLICATION No. 17501

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

The Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company, a corporation, on June 29, 1931, applied for authority to remove for part of each year, namely, November 15 to August 15, its station agent at the station of Mira Loma on the main line of its Los Angeles Division, in Riverside County, State of California.

Applicant alleges that \$194.65 passenger business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending May 31, 1931; that \$121.93 less than carload and \$85,228.90 carload freight business was transacted during the same period; that the nearest agency to the west is at Ontario, a distance of 7.8 miles, and to the east at Riverside, a distance of 11.9 miles; that the period of August 15 to November 15 is the grape loading season, during which time practically all of the business transacted at this station is handled; that of a total carload and less than carload freight business for the annual period ending May 31, 1931, amounting to \$85,350.83, grapes alone provided a revenue of \$84,824.42; that the part time abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station during the period November 15 to August 15, each year; and that, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency during the period November 15

to August 15, each year, is not necessary for the business of applicant or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation, on August 12, 1931, signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein, and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Mira Loma, located on the main line of its Los Angeles Division, in Riverside County, during the period of approximately November 15 to August 15, each year, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall continue to maintain an agent at said station of Mira Loma during the period of approximately August 15 to November 15, each year.
- (2) Applicant shall continue the maintenance of said station as a non-agency station, during the period when no agent is maintained thereat.
- (3) Applicant shall store less than carload shipments in the station building under lock and key, and shall appoint a custodian of the key to said station for the purpose of caring for less than carload freight during the period when no agent is maintained thereat.
- (4) Applicant shall notify this Commission, in writing, and shall notify the public by posting notices at said station, for at least ten (10) days before each time the agent is removed.
- (5) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders as it may deem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 344 day of

August, 1931.

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Commissioners.