

Decision No. 24135 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
of The Atchison, Topeka & Santa
Fe Railway Company, a corporation,
for authority to discontinue its
station at Conejo, California, as
an agency station during the months
of January, February, March, April,
May, June and July of each year and
to operate it as a blind siding
during said months.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 17399.

E. T. Lucey, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, on May 25, 1931, applied for authority to discontinue its agency at Conejo, Fresno County, during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June and July of each year. A public hearing was conducted at Fresno by Examiner Handford at which time the matter was duly submitted.

Conejo is a small settlement on the main line of the Santa Fe Company, about 16 miles south of Fresno. The nearest agency stations on either side are Bowles, 6.4 miles to the north, and Laton, 5.9 miles to the south. It appears that the principal commodity handled at this point is grapes and that practically the greater proportion of the annual business is handled during the latter half of the year. From statements filed with the application it appears that of the

total freight revenue, which is in excess of \$60,000., less than \$1200. was handled during the 7-month period from January 1st to July 31st and that the total L.C.L. business handled at this station during the 12-month period was but \$130. Statement of the amount of this L.C.L. revenue by months is not available, but it is stated that during the month of July, 1931, but \$1.50 L.C.L. revenue was handled at this station.

No protests against the granting of the application were filed at the hearing and it appears to the Commission that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company be and the same is hereby authorized to discontinue its station at Conejo, California, as an agency station during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June and July of each year and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly; provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station during the period that no agent is maintained.

Applicant shall each year post a notice of the closing of said agency in said station ten (10) days prior to the discontinuance of the agency.

Applicant shall each year notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become

void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of October, 1931.

Leon A. Williams

M. J. Lewis

M. B. Harris

James G. Stewart

Commissioners.