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Decision No. 24375

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

In the Matter of Application of SCUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for permission to discontinue operation of passenger service between Ventura and Ojai, California.

Application No. 17804.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>ORDER</u>

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on November 20, 1931, applied for authority to abandon its daily except Sunday passenger service by mixed trains, operated as extra trains between Ventura and Ojai, Ventura County, California.

Applicant alleges that said passenger service is not warranted by the passenger revenue received; that the operation of said passenger service is conducted by applicant at a loss, for example during the month of October, 1931, only four passengers were carried on this line; and, that the discontinuance of said service will not constitute an inconvenience to the traveling public.

Both the City Council of Ventura and the California Farm Bureau Federation have signified, in writing, that they do 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 Southern Pacific Company is hereby granted authority to abandon and discontinue its daily except Sunday passenger service, by mixed trains handled as extra trains, operating between Ventura and Ojai, County of Ventura,

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State of California, and to cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission all passenger rate tariffs and time schedules between said points; UNLESS and UNTIL the Commission shall find, after hearing, that the public convenience and necessity require the restoration of passenger service upon said railroad line; subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days notice to the traveling public of said service abandonment by posting notice in said daily except Sunday mixed trains, and in all stations along the line so affected.
- (2) Applicant shall continue to provide reasonable and adequate freight service between said stations of Ventura and Ojai.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of said passenger service herein authorized, and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) 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.

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Dated at San Francisco, California, this ____

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