

Decision No. 24422.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority
to establish a part time agent at
Diamond Springs and Shingle Springs,
El Dorado County, California, in
lieu of the present agency at each of
said stations.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 17706.

E. W. Hobbs, for Applicant, Southern Pacific Company.
Clarence Scheiber (Shingle Springs), Protestant.
W. Moore (Diamond Springs), Protestant,
Fred Wessels (Shingle Springs), Protestant,
Harry Cridge (Shingle Springs), Protestant,
H. P. Brown (Diamond Springs), Protestant

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to establish a part-time agency at both Diamond Springs and Shingle Springs on the Placerville Branch of its Sacramento Division, in the County of El Dorado, in lieu of the present full time agency at each of said stations.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Johnson at Placerville on December 29, 1931, and the matter is now under submission.

Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, alleges under present conditions the revenue derived at said stations does not now warrant the maintenance of a full-time agent at each of said stations and that the business can be adequately handled by the maintenance of an agency at Diamond Springs during the approximate

hours 6:20 A.M. to 9:40 A.M., and 12:25 P.M. to 3:20 P.M., and at Shingle Springs during the approximate hours 10:05 A.M. to 12:00 noon; and when the agent is absent during business hours the warehouse key can be obtained from custodian in living quarters of each station.

In support of its allegations, applicant filed a statement (Exhibits 1 and 2), showing revenue received from Diamond Springs and Shingle Springs stations during the twelve months' period ending October 31, 1931, compared with similar twelve months' period ending October 31, 1930, to wit:

	Diamond Springs		Shingle Springs	
	Year Ending Oct. 31, 1931	Year Ending Oct. 31, 1930	Year Ending Oct. 31, 1931	Year Ending Oct. 31, 1930
Passengers & Revenues:				
Agency Report (Passengers),	45	29	2,037*	1,184**
Agency Report (Revenue),	\$95.	\$108.	\$661.	\$419.
Milk & Cream (Cans),	288	179	380	175
Milk & Cream (Revenue),	\$83.	\$54.	\$111.	\$52.
Frt. Forwarded & Received:				
Less than Carload (Tons),	218	258	137	122
Less than Carload (Revenue),	\$1,922.	\$2,589.	\$1,217.	\$1,049.
Total Ticket Sales, Milk & Cream & LCL (Revenue),	\$2,100.	\$2,751.	\$1,989.	\$1,520.
Carloads Received and Forwarded,	690	846	32	46
Carloads Received & Forwarded (Revenue),	\$72,560.	\$90,358.	\$2,025.	\$3,476.
GRAND TOTAL (Rev.),	\$74,660.	\$93,109.	\$4,014.	\$4,996.

*Includes 1,920 commutation passengers to Folsom from Shingle Springs and intermediate points.

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This tabulation shows that the 1931 business, as compared to that of 1930, reflects a loss in revenue of \$18,449. at Diamond Springs, or a decrease of approximately 20 per cent, while at Shingle

Springs the loss was \$982., or a decrease of about 20 per cent.

The total direct station expense for the year ending October 31, 1930, amounted to \$1,787. at the Diamond Springs Station and \$1,634. at Shingle Springs.

The carrier introduced evidence to show that the station expense is only a small part of the total expense in handling shipments. Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2 show that during 1931 on the Southern Pacific Company's lines station expenses amounted to but 6.86 per cent of the total expense of operation.

The granting of the application was protested by Rescue Farm Bureau Center and French Creek Farm Center and other local interested parties on the grounds that inconvenience and possible loss of property would result through the establishment of part-time agencies.

In analyzing the testimony opposing the granting of the application, it appears to be restricted largely to the inconvenience in not having a continuous telegraph agent during the day time, particularly at Diamond Springs, together with the fact that these communities had enjoyed full day-time agency service in the past and curtailment would be a step backward from a civic standpoint. These protestants could not point to any direct substantial loss or inconvenience, as in each case the need for continuous agency service was comparatively small.

After due consideration of all the facts presented herein, it is concluded that the establishing of the proposed part-time agencies in lieu of the present full day-time agency at each said station appears reasonable.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held and the matter herein being under submission and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Southern Pacific Company be and it is hereby authorized to establish a part-time agency at Diamond Springs and Shingle Springs, respectively, in El Dorado County, California, the hours the agency is open to be approximately as follows:

Diamond Springs, 6:20 A.M. to 9:40 A.M. and
12:25 P.M. to 3:20 P.M.,

Shingle Springs, 10:05 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give at least ten (10) days' notice to the public in advance of the change by posting notice at each station, and the Company shall maintain a sign at each station showing the approximate hours the agent is on duty.
- (2) Less-than-carload freight shipments shall be stored under lock and key in the Company warehouse and when agent is absent during business hours, key to be obtainable from a custodian located at or near each of the said stations.
- (3) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (4) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this matter as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day
of February, 1932.

C. L. Kamm
Leon A. Wilson
M. A. ...
M. B. Kamm
Fred G. ...
Commissioners.