

Decision No. 24658.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of Southern Pacific Company for authority to close the agency at Seabright Station, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, during the period September 1st to May 31st, inclusive, of each year.

Application No. 17974.

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on February 17, 1932, applied for authority to discontinue its agency at Seabright Station in Santa Cruz County, State of California, during a nine month's period beginning September 1st of each year and ending the following 31st day of May.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amounts of business transacted at said station during the two-year period ending November 30, 1931, excluding the three months' period, June, July and August, the Company propose to retain an agency, as follows:

	<u>Year Ending</u> <u>Nov. 30, 1930.</u> <u>Excluding June,</u> <u>July &amp; August.</u>	<u>Year Ending</u> <u>Nov. 30, 1931.</u> <u>Excluding June,</u> <u>July &amp; August.</u>
Passenger tickets sold,	273	237
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	496	325
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	118	127
Number of carload shipments received	97	48
Number of carload shipments forwarded	24	18

A study of the records show that nearly fifty per cent of the annual revenue is received during the three months' period from June to August, inclusive.

It is shown in the application that the nearest agency to the west of Seabright is Santa Cruz, located a distance of 1.2 miles, and Capitola to the east, 3.5 miles; that the 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 time the agency is closed, and it is alleged that in applicant's opinion the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of applicant or for the public.

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made a full investigation on this matter and his report shows that interested shippers and receivers of freight have indicated they do not desire to oppose the granting of this application.

The Company has indicated that it plans to take care of the less-than-carload shipments by storing them in warehouse under lock and key and appointing a custodian of the key.

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 authorized to discontinue its agency at Seabright Station and change its station records and tariffs accordingly, providing that said station be continued as an agency station during the months of June, July and August of each year and as a non-agency station during the remaining period, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, each year, notify the public ten (10) days in advance of the closing of said agency by posting a notice at a conspicuous location at said station.

- (2) Applicant shall, each year, within ten (10) days from the date of closing said agency, notify this Commission, in writing, that said agency has been closed.
- (3) Applicant shall continue said station as a non-agency station during the nine months' period beginning September 1st of each year and ending the following 31st day of May.
- (4) Less-than-carload freight shipments shall be stored under lock and key in the Company warehouse, the key thereto to be obtained from a custodian located at or near said station.
- (5) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions thereof.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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 authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1932.

C. J. ...  
Leon ...  
W. J. ...  
M. B. ...  
Fred G. ...  
 Commissioners.