

Decision No. 24753.**ORIGINAL**

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 Rocklin Station,
County of Placer, State of California.

Application No. 17916.

Roy G. Ellebrand for Southern
Pacific Company.
P. H. Johnson, for Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on January 21, 1932, petitioned the Commission for authority to abandon its agency at Rocklin Station in Placer County.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Johnson at Rocklin on April 27, 1932, at which time evidence was taken and the matter submitted.

Rocklin is located on the main line of the Southern Pacific Company's Sacramento Division. The nearest existing agency stations to Rocklin are Loomis, 2.5 miles to the east, and Roseville, 4 miles to the west. The Roseville switching limits include the Rocklin Yard. The population is estimated to be approximately 700 permanent residents. The principal carload business conducted at Rocklin consists of shipments from the rock quarries and the moving of live stock.

The carrier presented an exhibit showing a comparative statement of business handled at Rocklin for the two

years' period ending February 29, 1932. This exhibit is, in part, as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>R e v e n u e</u>	
	<u>Year Ending Feb. 28, 1931</u>	<u>Year Ending Feb. 29, 1932</u>
Passenger Tickets,	\$945.	\$629.
Milk and Cream,	58.	129.
Less-than-carload Freight Received & Forwarded,	2,366.	1,301.
Carloads Received and Forwarded,	<u>23,068.</u>	<u>16,921.</u>
Total Revenue,	\$26,437.	\$18,980.

Applicant proposes to arrange to store less-than-carload shipments in the warehouse under lock and key. If the application is granted the company phone located outside of depot is to be made available to patrons to communicate with agents at either Roseville or Loomis for the purpose of ordering cars, obtaining information or for any other railroad business.

The records show that the total railroad station expense to Southern Pacific Company during the twelve months' period ending February 29, 1932, amounted to \$1,967. or an average of \$164. per month, the principal item being the agent's salary.

A number of witnesses appeared as protestants to the granting of this application. It was their contention that the removal of the agent would result in an inconvenience to shippers in ordering cars and that they would be deprived of the service of receiving notice of the arrival of less-than-carload shipments and would be required to secure the key to the warehouse and phone from a custodian.

As set forth above, the record shows that during the year ending February 29, 1932, the total revenue received from agency passenger business and less-than-carload shipments was

only \$92. in excess of the station expense, without any allowance for cost of transportation and other expenses incident to performing the service. While the net earnings of an agency is not the final test of public convenience and necessity for its continuance, it is an element which must be considered. In this case it does not appear that the patrons of the line will be seriously inconvenienced if this agency is abandoned, providing the arrangement proposed by applicant is effected.

After carefully considering this entire record, it is concluded that the agents at the adjacent stations in Roseville and Loomis can take care of the business at this point without serious inconvenience to the patrons and that the expense of maintaining this agency is not justified. The application should, therefore, be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised and basing its Order on the findings of fact as appearing in the Opinion which precedes this Order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Rocklin, located on the main line of its Sacramento Division in Placer County and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notices in a conspicuous

place at said station.

- (2) Applicant shall continue said station as a non-agency station.
- (3) Less-than-carload freight shipments shall be stored under lock and key in company's warehouse and company phone located at this station shall be available to patrons. The keys to both warehouse and phone shall be obtainable from a custodian located near said station, notices to be maintained at both warehouse and phone box advising shippers where key can be secured.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (5) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from 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 9th day of May, 1932.

W. H. C. C.
Leon Whidney

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Fred G. Stewart
 Commissioners.