

Decision No. 24872.

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 Kearsarge Station, County of Inyo, State of California.

Application No. 17840.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Kearsarge Station, in Inyo County, State of California.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two-year period ending August 31, 1931, as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year Ending Aug. 31, 1930</u>	<u>Year Ending Aug. 31, 1931</u>
Passenger Tickets Sold,	30	11
Number of Less-than-Carload Shipments Received,	333	289
Number of Less-than-Carload Shipments Forwarded,	54	18
Number of Carload Shipments Received,	24	10
Number of Carload Shipments Forwarded,	12	3

It is alleged in the application that the nearest agency to the west of Kearsarge is Zurich, 28.3 miles, and Owenyo to the east, 9.5 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; and that, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of applicant or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation, Board of Supervisors of Inyo County, Inyo Furniture and Hardware Company and Schabbell

Brothers have each signified in writing that they do not object to the granting of this application.

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

The company has indicated that if the application is granted, it plans to take care of less-than-carload shipments by storing them in the warehouse under lock and key and that the company telephone located outside of the depot is to be made available to patrons to communicate with the agent at Owenyo for the purpose of ordering cars, obtaining information or for any other railroad business.

It appears that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Kearsarge, located on the Mina Branch of its Salt Lake Division, in Inyo County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall continue said station as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicant shall notify the public of the abandonment of said agency by posting notice for at least ten (10) days in a conspicuous place at said station of Kearsarge.
- (3) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock and key in the company warehouse and the railroad telephone located at this station shall be made available to patrons. The key to both the warehouse and telephone shall be obtained from a custodian located at or near said station, notice of which shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone, advising shippers where key may 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 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 13th day of June, 1932.

O. L. Stearns
L. M. Wheeler
M. A. Lee
M. B. Lewis
Fred G. Alquist
 Commissioners.