

Decision No. 22872.

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 Zurich Station, County of Inyo, State of California.

Application No. 17894.

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Zurich 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 years' period ending September 30th, 1931, as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year ending Sept. 30, 1930</u>	<u>Year ending Sept. 30, 1931</u>
Passenger tickets sold,	29	12
Number less-than-carload shipments received,	631	379
Number less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	78	97
Number carload shipments received,	44	42
Number carload shipments forwarded,	53	46

It is alleged in the application 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 nearest existing agency to the north of

Zurich is Laws, located a distance of sixteen miles. To the south the nearest existing agency is at Kearsarge, a distance of twenty-eight miles; the next station to the south being Owenyo, a distance of thirty-eight miles. Applicant has heretofore filed an application seeking authority to close its agency at Kearsarge.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application.

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made a field investigation of this matter and his report shows that the various interested shippers and receivers of freight have indicated 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 for patrons to communicate with the agent at Laws 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 Zurich 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 advance in a conspicuous place at said station of Zurich.
- (3) Applicant shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock and key in 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 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1932.

C. C. Sawyer  
Leon Whiteley  
W. J. Cunn  
W. B. Kamm  
Fred G. Stewart  
(Commissioners)