

Decision No. 23874.

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
Montalvo Station, County of Ventura,
State of California.

Application No. 18056.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on March 26, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to close its seasonal agency at Montalvo Station, Ventura County, California, which is now maintained during a five-months' period, August 1st to December 31st, inclusive, each year.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the five-months' periods ending December 31, 1930 and 1931, as follows:

Items	: Aug. 1st to : Dec. 31, 1930	: Aug. 1st to : Dec. 31, 1931
Passenger Tickets sold,	44	13
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	30	37
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	3	11
Number of carload shipments received,	23	18
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	27	47

The nearest agency to the east of Montalvo is Oxnard, located a distance of 3.5 miles, and Ventura to the west 5. miles. The important shippers and receivers of freight at this point have

been advised by letter of this application, and the file shows that these parties, in so far as they have replied, are not seriously opposed to the granting of the application.

Southern Pacific Company has indicated that if the application is granted it plans to take care of the less-than-carload shipments by storing them in the warehouse under lock and key; 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.

It appearing 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 seasonal agency now maintained during the period August 1st to December 31st, inclusive, each year at its station of Montalvo, located on the main line of its Los Angeles Division in Ventura 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 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 Montalvo.
- (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 the Company's warehouse, the key thereto to be obtained from a custodian located at or near said station, and notice to be maintained at warehouse advising patrons where the key may be found.

- (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.

Ch Leavelle

Leon Whidley

M. A. Carr

M. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.