

Decision No. 24878.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

**ORIGINAL**

In the Matter of the Application of Southern Pacific Company for authority to close the agency at Inyokern Station, in the County of Kern, State of California.

Application No. 18175.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Inyokern Station in Kern 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 December 31, 1931, as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year Ending Dec. 31, 1930</u>	<u>Year Ending Dec. 31, 1931</u>
Passenger tickets sold,	14	14
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	403	262
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	150	53
Number of carload shipments received,	69	39
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	88	38

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 agency to the south of Inyokern is Searles, located a distance of nineteen miles; to the north the nearest existing agency is at Cartago, a distance of 50.5 miles, the next station to the north being Lone Pine, a distance of 71.6 miles. Applicant has heretofore filed an application seeking authority to close its agency at Cartago.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified 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 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 Mojave 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 Inyokern, located on the Owenyo Branch of its San Joaquin Division in Kern County and to change its station record and tariffs accordingly,

subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall continue said station as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station of Inyokern.
- (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 obtainable 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 the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions thereof.
- (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.

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