

Decision No. 24938.**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of the Sunset Railway Company, a California corporation, for authority to discontinue its station at Maricopa as an agency station.

Application No. 18154.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The Sunset Railway Company, a corporation, on May 19, 1932, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Maricopa Station, in Kern County, State of California.

Accompanying the application is a statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the twelve-month period ending March 31, 1932, as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year Ending March 31, 1932.</u>
Passenger Tickets Sold	5 P.P.O.*
Number Less-than-carload shipments received	548
Number Less-than-carload shipments forwarded	81
Number Carload shipments received	11
Number Carload shipments forwarded	0

* The 5 prepaid ticket orders sold for use from Bakersfield, as applicant does not perform passenger service from its Maricopa station.

Applicant does not operate any passenger trains and a study of the record shows that the revenue derived from all business transacted at Maricopa for the three-months' period ending March 31, 1932, was \$369.00, and agent's wages alone

amounted to \$572.00 over the same period. Maricopa is located at the end of the branch line, there being no agency between Maricopa and Bakersfield, a distance of 43.5 miles. The Taft agency, however, which is located on another branch, is 13.2 miles by rail to the east on a branch line from Rentland and approximately 7 miles by highway from Maricopa. In this proceeding it is not proposed that any of the facilities be abandoned, the station to be continued as a non-agency station.

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 an investigation of this matter and his report shows that the majority of the interested shippers and receivers of freight at Maricopa have indicated that they will not oppose the granting of this application. It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Sunset Railway Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency station at Maricopa, located at the end of its branch line in Kern County and change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station. The authority herein granted is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall inform the public of the abandonment of said agency at least ten (10) days in advance of the effective date of such change by posting notices in conspicuous places at said station of Maricopa.

- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this matter as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of June, 1932.

W. S. Levey
Leon Whitwell
W. J. Ann
M. B. Lane
Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.