

Decision No. 24940.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa
Fe Railway Company, a corporation,
for authority to abandon less car-
load freight service on its Alpaugh
Spur, in the State of California.

Application No. 18172.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, on May 25, 1932, applied for authority to discontinue less-than-carload freight service on its Alpaugh Spur, Tulare County, California.

Applicant alleges that during the twelve-month period ending April 30, 1932, the said station has been maintained as a non-agency station. During the said period, the volume of less-than-carload business consisted of 110 shipments.

Although it is proposed to abandon less-than-carload service, there is no plan for the abandonment of carload business at this station or the abandonment of any facilities.

Alpaugh Spur leads off of siding at Stoil, a non-agency station located on the main line of the Valley Division of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, and terminates at Alpaugh, a distance of 5.4 miles to the north. The nearest agency to the west of Stoil is Angiola, located a

distance of 5.7 miles, and Wasco to the east 23.4 miles.

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department made an investigation of this matter and his report shows that interested shippers and receivers of less-than-carload freight shipments have indicated that they do not desire to oppose the granting of this application.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is hereby granted authority to abandon and discontinue its less-than-carload service at the Station of Alpaugh and intermediate points on said spur between Stoll and Alpaugh in Kings County, California, and to cancel, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all less-than-carload rates and tariffs between said points unless, and until, the Commission shall find that public convenience requires the restoration of less-than-carload service upon said spur, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said less-than-carload service by posting notice in a conspicuous place in said station - Alpaugh as well as at Angiola and Wasco.
- (2) Applicant shall continue to provide reasonable and adequate carload freight service at the station of Alpaugh.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the less-than-carload freight service herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authority 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 27th day of June, 1932.

C. J. Deane
Leon Whitely
M. A. Carr
M. B. Lane
Fred G. Stewart
 Commissioners.