

Decision No. 25192.

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  
Ogilby Station, County of Imperial,  
State of California.

Application No. 18319.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on August 5, 1932, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Ogilby Station on Southern Pacific Company's main line of its Los Angeles Division in Imperial County, State of California.

A study of the company's station records shows that \$18.48 passenger business was transacted at said station during the year ending June 30, 1932, and that \$347.87 less-than-carload and \$4,168 carload business was transacted during the same period. The station expense for this same period was \$2,123.77, or approximately six times the revenue derived from the sale of passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments. The carload business is confined to the shipments of mineral products from this district and the company has indicated it will undertake to see that carload shippers will receive reasonable and adequate service in the future. With respect to the less-than-carload shipments, applicant plans to store same in the warehouse under lock and key. As to passenger business, tickets may be secured from the conductors on the trains without extra cost. The nearest agency station to the east is Yuma, 16.1 miles, and to the west at Niland, 49.1 miles.

In its application the company alleges that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities and that the station will be continued as a nonagency station and that in its opinion the continued maintenance of said agency is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public.

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's telephone, located outside of the depot, is to be made available to patrons to communicate with the agent at Yuma and Niland for the purpose of ordering cars or obtaining information for any other railroad business.

California Farm Bureau Federation signified, in writing, that it does not object to the abandonment of this station.

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 the station of Ogilby located on its main line of the Los Angeles Division, in Imperial 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. The abandonment of this agency shall not result in an increase in the fare for passengers boarding trains at this point.
2. Applicant shall notify the public of the abandonment of said agency by posting a notice for at least ten (10) days in a conspicuous place at said station of Ogilby.
3. Applicant shall continue said station as a non-agency station.

4. Less-than-carload shipments shall be stored under lock and key in the company's warehouse and the company's telephone located at this station shall be available to patrons. The keys to both the warehouse and the telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station, and notice to this effect shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone advising shippers where the keys may be obtained.
5. Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of agency herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
6. 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1932.

Cl. L. Linn  
Leon A. White  
W. J. Linn  
M. B. Linn  
Frank G. Stewart  
Commissioners.