

Decision No. 25212.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an
order authorizing it to close its
agency at Boulder Creek, County of
Santa Cruz, State of California.

Application No. 18388.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on August 31st, 1932, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Boulder Creek Station in Santa Cruz County, State of California. Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two-year period ending July 31st, 1932, as follows:

	Year Ending July 31st	
	1931	1932
Passenger tickets sold,	529	387
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	1446	1252
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	103	90
Number of carload shipments received,	300	298*
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	60	37

*=295 of the 298 carloads received were material for highway construction.

Boulder Creek is located at the end of the Boulder Creek branch line, which extends from Boulder Creek to Felton, a distance of 7.3 miles, there being no agencies between these points. Applicant does not operate any passenger trains on its Boulder Creek branch. The Pacific Greyhound Lines, however, connect with Southern Pacific Company's Los Altos-College Park-Santa Cruz branch at Felton and provides passenger and baggage service to Boulder Creek.

In this proceeding it is not proposed to abandon any of the facilities, said station to be continued as a non-agency station.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, 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, based on an interview with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates there is no serious objection to the granting of this application.

The company has indicated that it plans to take care of less-than-carload shipments by storing them in warehouse under lock and key and that the company telephone located at the depot is to be made available to patrons to communicate with the agent at Felton for the purpose of ordering cars, or for any other railroad business.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Boulder Creek, located on the Boulder Creek branch of its Coast Division in Santa Cruz County and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock and key in company's warehouse and the company telephone located at this station shall be made available to patrons; the key to both 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 may be obtained.

- (3) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting such notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (4) Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of their 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 26th day of September, 1932.

D. C. Leary
Leon Whitely
W. B. Harris
Frederic G. Stevens
Commissioners.