

Decision No. 25255.

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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
Artois Station, County of Colusa,
State of California.

Application No. 18321.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on August 5, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to close its agency at Artois Station, Glenn County, erroneously stated in the application as Colusa County.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two-year period ending May 31, 1932, as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year ending May 31st</u>	
	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>
Passenger Tickets Sold,	117	77
Number of Less-than-carload Shipments Received,	324	154
Number of Less-than-carload Shipments Forwarded,	51	27
Number of Carload Shipments Received,	80	67
Number of Carload Shipments Forwarded,	468	222

The nearest agencies to Artois Station are Willows, located a distance of 6.9 miles south, and Orland, located a distance of 9.1 miles north.

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made an investigation of this matter and

his report shows that many of the interested shippers and receivers of freight have been interviewed and have indicated that they will not oppose the granting of this application, provided the service is continued through the operation of a non-agency station, which is the plan of procedure proposed herein, as the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application.

Applicant proposes 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 agents at Willows and Orland for the purpose of ordering cars 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 Artois, located on the West Side Main Line of its Sacramento Division, in Glenn County, California, 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) The abandonment of this agency shall not result in an increase in fares to Southern Pacific Company's passengers boarding trains at this point.
- (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 its patrons. The key to both the warehouse and telephone shall be made 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 secured.

- (4) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notices in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within (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 10th day of October, 1932.

C. S. Lewis
Leon A. White
W. A. Cunn
M. B. Harris
Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.