Decision No. 25266.

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 Huron Station, County of Fresno, State of California.

Application No. 18320.

BY THE COMMISSION:



ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, on August 5, 1932, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Huron Station on its Coalinga Branch in Fresno County.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the years ending May 31, 1931, and May 31, 1932. A summary of this statement follows:

Item	:Year Ending :May 31, 1931	: Year Ending : : May 31, 1932:
Passenger tickets sold,	None	None
Number of Less-than-car- load shipments received,	167	510
Number of Less-than-car- load shipments forwarded,	13	26
Number of Carload shipments received,	702	547
Number of Carload shipments forwarded,	183	116

The nearest agencies are located at Westhaven, 6.6 miles east, and Coalinga, 15.7 miles west.

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made an investigation of this matter and his report shows that 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 herein, as the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities. The California Farm Bureau Federation, on August 9, 1932, signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application. Applicant has indicated that if and when this application is granted it will store less-than-carload freight shipments in its freight warehouse, which warehouse will be locked and the key thereto may be obtained by its patrons from a responsible individual or firm located in the immediate vicinity of the station. It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein, and that the application should be granted. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Huron. located on its Coalinga Branch, in Fresno County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions: Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station. (2) Applicant shall store less-than-carload freight shipments under lock in the company warehouse. The key to said warehouse shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where the key may be secured shall be maintained at the warehouse. (3) 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. -2-

- (4) 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.
- (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 // day of October, 1932.

Commissioners.