

Decision No. 25295.

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 Kennet Station,
County of Shasta, State of Cali-
fornia.

Application No. 18385.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on August 31, 1932, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Kennet Station on the main line of its Shasta Division, in Shaste County, State of California.

A study of the company's station records shows that \$589.21 passenger revenue was transacted at said station during the year ending July 31, 1932, and that \$1,364.80 less-than-carload and \$1,216.74 carload business was transacted during the same period. The station expense for the same period amounted to \$2,335.18, or \$361.17 less than the revenue derived from the sale of passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments. The carload business is confined to scrap, materials resulting from the dismantling of a large smelter, and the company has indicated that it will undertake to see that carload shipments will receive reasonable and adequate service in the future. Passengers can secure their tickets on trains from the conductors without extra

cost.

The nearest agencies to Kennet are Matheson, 8.5 miles south, and Delta, 21 miles north.

The company alleges in its application that the abandonment of this agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will continue as a non-agency station and that, in its opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of 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 agents at Matheson and Delta for the purpose of ordering cars or for any other railroad business.

California Farm Bureau Federation has 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 Kennet, located on the main line of its Shasta Division, in Shasta 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) The abandonment of this agency shall not result in the increase of fares for passengers boarding trains at this point.

- (3) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (4) Applicant shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock and key and the railroad telephone located at this station shall be made available to patrons. The key to both the warehouse and telephone 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 both warehouse and telephone.
- (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 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 24th day of October, 1932.

C. Seamy
Leon Whiteley
M. A. Lee
W. B. Lewis
Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.