

Decision No. 25338.

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 Castella Station, County)
of Shasta, State of California,)
during the period September 1st to)
May 31st, inclusive, of each year.)

Application No. 18387.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on August 31st, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to close its agency at Castella, Shasta County, California, during a nine-month period beginning September 1st of each year and ending the following 31st day of May.

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. A summary of this statement follows:

Items	Year Ending July 31st.	
	1931	1932
Passenger tickets sold,	501	147
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	761	400
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	83	42
Number of carload shipments received,	214	28
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	201	35

The nearest agencies to Castella Station are Delta, located a distance of 18.6 miles south, and Dunsmuir, located a distance of 6.8 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 interested shippers and receivers of freight have been interviewed and have indicated that they will not oppose the granting of this application, providing service is continued during the three summer months and as a non-agency station during the remainder of the year, which is the plan of procedure proposed herein. The abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities. The report further shows that practically all of the business at this station is conducted during June, July and August.

The California Farm Bureau 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 warehouse under lock and the company telephone located outside of the depot is to be made available to patrons to communicate with the agents at Delta and Dunsmuir 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, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Castella, located on the main line of its Shasta Division in Shasta County, California, from approximately September 1st of each year to approximately May 31st of the following year, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency shall be operated as a non-agency station during the time the agency is not maintained.
- (2) The seasonal abandonment of this agency shall not result in an increase of fares for Southern Pacific Company's passengers boarding trains at this point.
- (3) During the time the station is conducted as a non-agency Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock in the company's warehouse and the railroad telephone located at this station shall be made available to its patrons. The key to both 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.
- (4) 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.
- (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 authorization herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day
of October, 1932.

W. B. Harvey
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Commissioners.