

Decision No. 25339.

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 the agency at
Sunol Station, County of Alameda,
State of California.

Application No. 18410.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on September 12, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to close its agency at Sunol Station, Alameda 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 31, 1932, as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year Ending July 31st</u>	
	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>
Passenger Tickets Sold,	1,653	1,035
Number of Less-than-carload Shipments Received,	815	411
Number of Less-than-carload Shipments Forwarded,	103	39
Number of Carload Shipments Received,	144	27
Number of Carload Shipments Forwarded,	74	33

The nearest agencies to Sunol Station are Pleasanton, located a distance of 5.3 miles south, and Niles, located a distance of 6.4 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 the service is continued through the operation of a non-agency station, which is the plan of procedure proposed herein. The abandonment of said agency will

not involve the abandonment of any facilities.

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 warehouse under lock and the company's telephone located outside of the depot is to be made available to patrons to communicate with agents at Pleasanton and Niles for the purpose of ordering cars or 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 the Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon the agency at its station of Sunol, located on the main line of its Western Division in Alameda County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency shall 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 passengers boarding trains at this point.
- (3) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock 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 the telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where 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 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 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 7th day of ~~October~~ November, 1932.

C. L. Lewis
Leon A. ...
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Frederic G. Stewart
Commissioners.