

Decision No. 25520.

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 Seguro Station, County of
Kern, State of California.

Application No. 18567.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORIGINAL

ORDER

The Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on December 9, 1932, filed an application for authority to close its agency at Seguro Station in Kern County, California, with the understanding that there will be maintained thereat a representative working under the jurisdiction of the agent at Bakersfield, making a daily trip to Seguro Station and remaining at said station during such hours of each day as may be necessary in order to assist patrons in the billing of freight shipments and other matters incidental thereto.

Accompanying the application is an exhibit showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two years' period ending September 30, 1932. This is shown in the following tabulation:

Item	:Year Ending September 30th:	
	: 1931	: 1932
Number of Less-than-Carload Shipments Received,	755	528
Number of Less-than-Carload Shipments forwarded,	124	178
Number of Carload Shipments Received,	387	518
Number of Carload Shipments Forwarded,	8940	6828*

*115 cars gravel and sand; 99 per cent of remaining carload shipments received and forwarded consisted of oil.

Seguro is located on the Oil City Branch which extends from Oil Junction to Oil City, a distance of 5.1 miles. Applicant does not operate any passenger trains over its Oil City Branch. The nearest existing agency stations to Seguro are Bakersfield, 6.8 miles south, and Famoso, 18.5 miles north.

In this proceeding it is not proposed to abandon any of the facilities, said station to be continued as a non-agency station.

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

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made an investigation of this matter and his report, based on interviews with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates that there is no objection to the granting of this application.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Seguro, located on the Oil City Branch of its San Joaquin Division in Kern County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicant shall maintain at said station a representative working under the jurisdiction of the agent at Bakersfield during such hours of each day as may be necessary to assist patrons in the billing of freight shipments and other matters incidental thereto.

- (3) Applicant shall give the public at least five (5) days' notice prior to the closing of the agency by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the closing of the agency authorized herein and of the 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 31st day of December, 1931.

C. L. Deane
Leon White

W. A. Carr
W. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.