

Decision No. 25558.

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
Buena Park Station, County of
Orange, State of California.

Application No. 18553.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, on November 26, 1932, filed an application for authority to abandon its agency at Buena Park Station on the Santa Ana Branch of its Los Angeles Division in Orange County, State of California.

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

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year Ending August, 1931.</u>	<u>Year Ending August, 1932.</u>
Passenger tickets sold,	22	232
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	447	316
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	41	43
Number of carload shipments received,	134	57
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	55	77

The nearest agencies are located at Anaheim (11.1 miles east), and Norwalk (5.3 miles west).

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 representative shippers and receivers of freight, indicates that there is no serious objection, from the standpoint of the railroad service, to 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.

California Farm Bureau Federation on December 2, 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. Applicant has also indicated that the company telephone at said station will be made available without charge to its patrons in order that they may communicate with the nearest agent for the purpose of ordering cars, obtaining information, or transacting other railroad business.

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 Buena Park Station, located on its Santa Ana Branch in Orange County and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicant shall store less-than-carload freight shipments under lock in the company warehouse and the railroad company's telephone located at this station shall be available to patrons. The keys to both the warehouse and the telephone

shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where the keys 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.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the 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 16th day of January, 1932.
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C. Seavey

W. A. Cline

W. B. Lewis

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Commissioners.