

Decision No. 18557.

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 Penryn Station, County of Placer, State of California, during the period October 1st to May 1st, inclusive, of each year.

Application No. 18557.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The Southern Pacific Company petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to close its agency at Penryn in Placer County, California, during a seven-month period beginning October 1st of each year and ending the following first day of May.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two years' period ending September 30, 1932. A summary of this statement follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year Ending September 30th</u>	
	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>
Passenger tickets sold.....	326	247
Number of Less-than-carload shipments received.....	547	360
Number of Less-than-carload shipments forwarded.....	73	71
Number of Carload shipments received.....	68	56
Number of Carload shipments forwarded.....	328	237

Penryn Station serves a deciduous fruit district and has an approximate population of 500 residents. The nearest existing agencies are Loomis, located a distance of 2.7 miles south, and Newcastle, located a distance of 3 miles north.

A study of the Southern Pacific Company's station records shows that during the seven-month period October 1, 1931, to April 30, 1932, \$237. passenger business, \$324. less-than-carload and \$2,678. carload business was transacted at this station. The station expense for this period amounted to \$963., or \$402. more than the amount of revenue derived from the sale of passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments.

A representative of the Commission's Engineering Department made an investigation of this matter and his report, based on an interview with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates there is no serious objection from the standpoint of railroad service to the granting of this application.

Southern Pacific 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 that the company's telephone, located outside of the depot, will be made available to patrons to communicate with adjacent agencies for the purpose of ordering cars or transacting any 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 its agency at Penryn, Placer County, during the period of approximately October 1st of each year to May 1st of the following year, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided that said station be continued as an agency station during the period from approximately May 1st to September 30th of each year and as a non-agency station from October 1st to the following 30th day of April. This authority is granted subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall each year notify the public ten (10) days in advance of the closing of said agency by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said

station and shall also notify the Commission, in writing, that said agency is to be closed.

- (2) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock in company's warehouse and the railroad telephone, located at said station, shall be made available to its patrons. The key to both warehouse and telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian at or near said station and notice advising shippers where the keys may be secured shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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 20th day of February, 1933.

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Leon Overby
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Commissioners.