

Decision No. 25681.

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  
Tres Pinos Station, County of San  
Benito, State of California.

Application No. 18552.

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company applied for authority to abandon its agency at Tres Pinos, San Benito County, California.

Tres Pinos is unincorporated, and is the trading center for a large ranch area devoted to stock business and is located on the Tres Pinos Branch of the Southern Pacific Company's Coast Division; said branch extends from a connection with the main line at Carnadero and extends south to Tres Pinos, a distance of 17.9 miles. The present normal freight train operation on this branch consists of approximately two freight trains between Carnadero and Hollister per week, and when business justifies said service is extended to Tres Pinos, which is the end of the branch located 6.2 miles south of Hollister. Additional freight trains are operated when business demands, there being no passenger service performed over said branch.

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

Items	:Year Ending September 30th, :	
	: 1931 :	: 1932 :
*Number passenger tickets sold	143	46
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	703	588
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	58	75
Number of carload shipments received,	111	87
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	175	167

\* Passengers purchasing tickets from Southern Pacific Agent at Tres Pinos were transported by Pacific Greyhound Line.

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 available to patrons to communicate with the agent at Hollister for the purpose of ordering cars and transacting any other railroad business; the keys to both warehouse and telephone are to be made available to patrons through a custodian.

Hollister is the only agency station on this branch line and is located 6.2 miles to the north of Tres Pinos.

A study of the Southern Pacific Company's station records shows that during the year ending September 30, 1932 \$370 passenger, milk and cream business, \$857 less-than-carload business and \$23,764 carload business was transacted at this station. The station expense for this period amounted to \$1,563, or \$336 more than the sum derived from the sale of passenger tickets, milk and cream, and less-than-carload shipments.

A representative of the Commission's Engineering Department made an investigation in this matter and his report, based on an interview with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates that there are no serious objections from

the standpoint of railroad service to the granting of this application.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at Tres Pinos, located on its Tres Pinos Branch of its Coast Division in San Benito County, California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicant shall 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.
- (3) Applicant shall store less-than-carload freight shipments under lock in the company's warehouse and the railroad telephone located at said station shall be made available to its patrons. The keys to both warehouse and telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where keys may be secured shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1933.

C. C. Haver  
Leon A. Haver  
M. J. Haver  
M. B. Haver  
W. H. Haver  
Commissioners.