Decision No. <u>25752</u>

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of San Joaquin & Eastern Reilroad) Company for an order authorizing) it to discontinue service and) operations over its railroad.)

Application No. 18717.

BY THE COMPARISSION:



ORDER

San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad Company, a corporation, on February 18, 1933, applied for authority to discontinue all service on its line of railroad between El Prado and Big Creek, Fresno County, California, a distance of approximately fifty-six miles.

This railroad was built and operated primarily to handle construction material for the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd. Small emounts of freight and passengers were handled for people located along the railroad, particularly at Auberry and Big Creek. Applicant also operates a passenger and freight automotive stage line between Fresno and Big Creek which serves all the communities served by the railroad. The construction work of the power company is now completed and practically no traffic is handled by the railroad. Business men along the railroad signified that they had no objection to the discontinuence of service by the railroad.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary in this proceeding and that the application should be granted, therefore

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue service and operations over its line of railroad between El Prado and Big Creek, County of Fresno, California, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, cancel all rate tariffs and time schedules applying to said line of railroad.
- (2) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of said discontinuance of service by posting notice at the stations on said line of railroad.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the discontinuance of service 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 <u>2076</u> day of March, 1933.

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Commissioners.