Decision No. 25869

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for authority to abandon an agency at Pleasant Grove station in the County of Sutter, State of California.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Application No. 18785.

The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, on March 23, 1933, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Pleasant Grove Station on the main line of its Western Division in Sutter County, State of California.

Pleasant Grove serves a grain and stock district and has an approximated population of fifty (50) permanent residents; the nearest agency to the south is at Sacramento, a distance of 17.5 miles, and to the north at Marysville, a distance of 22.7 miles.

Applicant alleges that \$2.32 passenger business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending December 31st, 1932; that \$153.87 less than carload and \$398.37 carload freight business was transacted; that the station expense for this period amounted to approximately \$1,900, or more that three times the amount derived from sale of passenger tickets, carload and less than carload shipments; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station; and that, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency is not

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necessary for the business of applicant or for the public.

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

A representative of the Transportation Division 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 there is no serious objection from the standpoint of railroad service to the granting of this application.

The Western Pacific Railroad Company has indicated that if the application is granted it plans to take care of less than carload shipments by storing them in warehouse under lock.

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

IT IS HEREBY OPDERED that The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Pleasant Grove, located on the main line of its Western Division, in Sutter County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said station shall be continued as a nonagency station.
- (2) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (3) Applicant shall store less than carload freight shipments under lock in the company's warehouse; the key to warehouse shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where key may be secured shall be maintained at warehouse.

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- (4) 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.
- (5) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become woid 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 _____day of April, 1933.

Commissioners.