Decision No. //218.



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of the POSTAL-TELEGRAPH CABLE COMPANY for authority to close its office in-Santa Paula, as of September 4, 1922.

Application No. 8254.

W. W. Morrison for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

## OPINION

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Santa Paula upon the above entitled application seeking authority to close applicant's telegraph office at Santa Paula as of September 2, 1922.

It appears from the testimony that applicant's operator at Santa Paula, who conducted its office in connection with his jewelry and stationery store, retired from business and that applicant has been unable to make satisfactory arrangements for a successor. Its total receipts for the year ending August 31, 1922, amounted to \$712.87, which it considers too small to justify the employment of an operator on salary. Its former operator and those similarly situated are paid by a commission upon gross receipts.

It further appears from the testimony that there is adequate service being rendered by the Western Union Telegraph Company with its office at the Southern Pacific station and that the public will not suffer inconvenience if applicant's office were closed.

## ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Postal-Telegraph Cable Company be and it is hereby authorized to close its office in Santa Paula, California, and be relieved from the necessity of receiving or transmitting communications by telegraph or telephone.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25 day of November. 1922.

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