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Decision No. 1839

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of  
NEVADA-CALIFORNIA-OREGON RAILWAY  
for permission to discontinue its  
agency at Hot Springs, California,  
and move the station buildings one  
and one-tenth miles south to the  
crossing with the Southern Pacific  
Company.  
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Application No. 1288

R. M. Cox for Nevada-California-Oregon Railway.

GORDON, Commissioner.

OPINION.

The application in the above entitled matter was filed with the Commission on August 18, 1914, and thereafter, on September 18, 1914, a public hearing was held at Amadee.

This application looks to the removal of the station facilities of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway located at Hot Springs, to a point about eight-tenths of a mile south of Hot Springs where the recently constructed Fernley-Lassen Branch of the Southern Pacific crosses the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway. The junction of the two railroads is called Caloreta, and at this junction the two railroads have constructed facilities for the interchange of stock and wish to build similar facilities for the exchange of freight and passengers. The fact that the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway is a narrow gauge railroad, while the branch of the Southern Pacific is standard gauge, necessitates the unloading and reloading of all stock transferred at this point and the transferring of all freight coming over the one railroad for delivery to the other and makes it necessary for both roads to have an agent there.

There is no town at Hot Springs and at the hearing very many of the shippers who now use the Hot Springs depot testified that their convenience would be as well or better served if the station facilities were moved to Caloreta and it was plainly shown that the business of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway at Hot Springs does not justify the establishment of an agency at both Caloreta and Hot Springs. To the south of this junction at Caloreta, the nearest station is Amedee, at a distance of about four and five-tenths miles. At this point the Fernley-Lassen Branch parallels the track of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway and both railroads have here station buildings and agencies.

Passengers, at the present time, transferring from the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway to the Southern Pacific, or vice versa, get off at Amedee and are obliged to walk about twenty-two hundred feet from one station to the other.

At the hearing, the Commission received a petition, circulated by Mr. G. W. Callahan and signed by Mr. Callahan and many other people, which called the attention of the Commission "to the fact that the best interests of the people would be better served by making a joint station at Amedee, combining Hot Springs and Caloreta with Amedee". Mr. Callahan was present at the hearing and stated that while it was his opinion that this was true, he did not desire to make any objection to the proposed combining of Caloreta with Hot Springs in one agency, and that his petition was presented to call the attention of the Commission to the fact that at some future date, he hoped to secure joint facilities at Amedee by bringing the tracks of the two railroad companies nearer together. It was shown in this connection that this application would not affect in any way the present facilities of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway at Amedee.

I am of the opinion that to establish a joint agency at Caloreta would be a great convenience to the traveling public;

and to the shippers of freight over the Southern Pacific to points on the Nevada-California-Oregon; would be as convenient for the shippers who now use Hot Springs, and would be to the advantage of both railroad companies interested, both in the matter of expense and service, and I do not believe that the removal of the present station at Hot Springs to Caloreta would work a hardship upon any of the shippers who now ship over the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway.

I recommend the following order.

ORDER.

NEVADA-CALIFORNIA-OREGON RAILWAY, having applied to the Commission for permission to discontinue its agency at Hot Springs and move the station buildings to the junction of its track with that of the Fernley-Lassen Branch of the Southern Pacific at Caloreta, and a hearing having been held in the matter, at which all interested parties were represented; and it appearing, for the reasons stated above, that this application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That Nevada-California-Oregon Railway be, and it hereby is, granted permission to discontinue its agency at Hot Springs and move the station buildings and the agency from that point to Caloreta.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of October, 1914.

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Commissioners.