

DECISION NO. _____

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Decision No. 2536

In the matter of the appli-)
cation of SOUTHERN PACIFIC)
COMPANY for authority to)
abandon agency at Nelson)
Station on the Sacramento)
Division.)

APPLICATION NO. 1703.

Geo. D. Squires for applicant.
Guy R. Kennedy for protestants.

GORDON, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N.

This is an application of the Southern Pacific Company for permission to discontinue the agency now maintained at the station of Nelson in Butte County, on its Sacramento Division, until sufficient traffic will have been developed to justify the employment of an agent at this point, it being alleged that the amount of business at present transacted does not justify the continuance of an agent.

A public hearing was held at Chico on June 24, 1915, at which time many interested parties were present and the matter is now ready for decision.

The station of Nelson is located on the Sacramento Division of the applicant, Southern Pacific Company, and a station building was erected at the time of the construction of the railroad. Agents have been employed and removed at various times and the last removal of the agent was made by the applicant some years ago, in either the years 1906, 1907 or 1908. The year 1913 was one in which a heavy grain and hay crop was raised on the lands in the vicinity of and

the proprietor of two other warehouses having arranged for the storage and forwarding of some 4000 tons of grain. There are other smaller shippers in the vicinity of Nelson who have their hay and grain crops to be forwarded and their shipments will be loaded directly into cars and will not pass through either of the three public warehouses.

In view of the amount of business enjoyed by the Southern Pacific Company at Nelson during the year 1914, the business that will be offered for shipment in the present year, especially as to carloads of hay and grain, and the increased shipments which may be expected by the cutting up of some of the larger holdings south and southwest of Nelson which are made possible by the advent of the new irrigation canal now under construction by the Great Western Power Company, I am of the opinion that the amount of business in sight for the Southern Pacific Company to be handled through its agency at Nelson Station does not justify the discontinuance of an agent at this time, and I therefore, recommend that the agency station be maintained for a period of one year, and that the applicant, Southern Pacific Company, be required to keep an accurate, detailed record of the business transacted at Nelson Station for the period of one year, and also as to the expense of maintaining an agent during such period, and submit same to this Commission.

I hereby suggest the following form of order:

O R D E R.

The Southern Pacific Company, having made application to this Commission to discontinue the agency now maintained at its station of Nelson in Butte County on its Sacramento Division, alleging that the amount of business transacted does not justify the maintenance of an agent, a public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the applicant, Southern Pacific Company, continue the maintenance of an agent at its station of Nelson

for a period of one year from the effective date of this order, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the applicant, Southern Pacific Company, keep an accurate, detailed account of the freight and passenger business transacted at its said station of Nelson and of the expense of maintenance of an agent at such station for a period of one year from the effective date of this order, and submit the same to this Commission.

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 28th day of June, 1915.

Max Thelen

Alfred G. ...

Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.