

Decision No. 6756

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF  
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of the :  
Director General of Railroads operating :  
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway for :  
permission to discontinue the handling : Application No. 4991  
of less-than-carload freight at Woodlake :  
Station, in the County of Tulare, State :  
of California. :

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by the Director General of Railroads, U. S. Railroad Administration, operating the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, for authority to discontinue the forwarding and the delivering of less-than-carload freight at Woodlake Station, for the reason that said station furnishes practically no less-than-carload freight to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. The receipts for the entire twelve months' period ending June 30, 1919, including the division from foreign line through traffic, was less than \$100.00.

Woodlake is located on the Minkler Southern Branch, 2.2 miles from Redbanks and 6 miles from Exeter. The station is also served by the Visalia Electric Railway, which company maintains an agent at that point.

From a check of the situation, it appears to the Commission that the public now forwarding or receiving freight at the Woodlake Station of the Santa Fe would not be inconvenienced if the very small volume of less-than-carload traffic were handled either through Redbanks, 2.2 miles distant, a non-agency station of the Santa Fe; Exeter, 6 miles distant, an agency station of the Santa Fe, or the Woodlake station on the Visalia Electric Railway.

The volume of business, amounting to less than 30 cents per day, is insignificant and in view of the fact that the service can be rendered by the competing carrier or at the other stations of this applicant, the Commission is of the opinion that the application should be granted and also that this is a proceeding in which a public hearing is unnecessary.

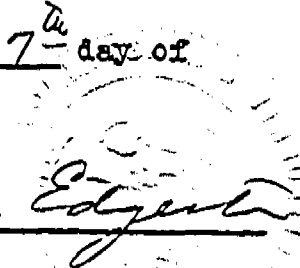
The following form of order is submitted:

O R D E R

The Director General of Railroads, U.S. Railroad Administration, operating the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, having made application to this Commission under the provisions of General Order No. 36 for permission to discontinue receiving and delivering less-than-carload freight at Woodlake Station, located on the Minkler Southern Branch, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises and being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same is hereby granted, and that this order will become effective as of November 20, 1919.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1919.

  
Edwin O. Edgerly  
W. H. ...  
Frank R. ...

Commissioners.