

Decision No. 8278.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of )  
Ocean Shore Railroad Company for an )  
order permitting it to discontinue )  
operating its line of railroad )  
between Santa Cruz, California, and )  
Swanton, California, and to remove ) Application No. 5663.  
its track and all appurtenances there- )  
to constituting the said line of rail- )  
road. )

J. W. Crosby for Applicant.  
Harry A. Excell and Charles B. Younger  
for San Vicente Lumber Company,  
Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Ocean Shore Railroad Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to discontinue the operation of its line of railroad between Santa Cruz and Swanton and to remove its track and all appurtenances thereto.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Santa Cruz at which time the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

The portion of line, proposed to be abandoned, constitutes the so-called southern division of the Ocean Shore Railroad Company commencing in the City of Santa Cruz and extending thence northerly along the Ocean Shore to Swanton in Santa Cruz County, a distance of fifteen and one-half miles. Practically all of the revenue derived from the

operation of the railroad has accrued from the hauling of logs for the San Vicente Lumber Company, such logs being delivered to the line of the Ocean Shore Railroad Company and hauled thence to the mill of the San Vicente Lumber Company located near Santa Cruz.

A statement of the operating receipts and revenues for the calendar years of 1917 to 1919 inclusive is as follows:

	<u>1917</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1919</u>
Operating Receipts	27,469.72	21,071.93	23,951.12
Operating Expenses	<u>27,051.65</u>	<u>31,292.58</u>	<u>33,396.43</u>
	418.07	*10,220.65	*9,445.31

Note: \* Indicates deficit.

For the five months ending May 31, 1920, against an operating revenue of \$9,030.62, the operating expenses, including taxes, amount to \$14,391.81 or a net operating loss of \$5,361.19. At the hearing on this application a protest was entered by the San Vicente Lumber Company, such company having been practically the only shipper using the facilities of this applicant. Since the hearing, however, the protest against the proposed abandonment has been withdrawn by that company.

It is evident that the revenue derived from the operation of the Southern Division of the Ocean Shore Railroad Company has not been sufficient to defray the cost of operation or to return any interest on the investment and there is no prospect that the revenues of the company will be increased to a point sufficient to meet the costs of operation, fixed charges and return any interest on the capital invested. No protest appears against the proposed abandonment of service and the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Ocean Shore Railroad Company, a corporation, having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment of service and the removal of tracks and appurtenances on the portion of its line of railroad extending from Santa Cruz to Swanton, Santa Cruz County; a public hearing having been held; the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being fully advised.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue permanently its service as a common carrier between Santa Cruz and Swanton and,

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, insofar as the authority of this Commission is necessary to authorize said applicant to dismantle and dispose of its said property, such authority is hereby given.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1920.

A. J. Loveland  
Stanley H. Wilson  
H. B. Brundage  
Dwight Martin  
Commissioners .