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Decision No. 8404.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)
WALKER D. HINES, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF)
RAILROADS, operating Los Angeles and) Application No. 4711.
Salt Lake Railroad for permission to)
abandon Station at Clearwater, Calif-)
ornia.)

E. E. Bennett, for Applicant.
Ben W. Utter for Residents of Clearwater,
Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railroads, operating Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of the station at Clearwater, California, alleging that the small amount of business handled at such station does not justify or warrant the continuance of such station as an agency particularly as other agency stations are closely adjacent to the station of Clearwater at which stations the business now transacted through the agency at Clearwater could be handled.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

According to statements submitted as a portion of the application in this proceeding, the passenger business for the year ending May 31, 1919, returned a revenue, through ticket sales at Clearwater, of \$162.20; the freight revenue

covering freight received and forwarded during the same period amounted to \$3,592.24, practically all such revenue being derived from the forwarding and receipt of carload shipments. The station of Clearwater is located on the Los Angeles-San Pedro Branch of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad and is situated .7 of one mile from Hynes Station and 2.4 miles from Workman Station each of such stations being regular agency points.

A compilation of revenue derived at Clearwater station for the period June 19, to February, 1920, inclusive, indicates that for the nine months period a passenger revenue of \$133.30 was derived from the sale of tickets at Clearwater station and a freight revenue of \$8,167.79 was received from freight forwarded and received through the medium of this agency.

The granting of this application is protested by patrons of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad served through the agency at Clearwater on the basis that the revenues of this station are increasing and that, as a majority of the business consists of cattle received in carload lots, an agent should be continued at this point to satisfactorily care for such incoming shipments. Protestants also claim as an additional reason for the maintenance of the station that some years ago certain rights of way were secured by residents of Clearwater and deeded to the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad without compensation other than an agreement for the maintenance of a station at the present point known as Clearwater.

We have carefully considered all the evidence in this proceeding and are of the opinion and find as a fact that the volume of freight business transacted by the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad at the station of Clearwater does not justify the granting of the application herein. The close proximity of the station at Hynes, located but .7 of a mile south of the station of Clearwater suggests the advisability of combining the stations of Clearwater and Hynes under the jurisdiction of one agent, such agent to divide his time on some equitable basis in accordance with traffic conditions between the stations of Hynes and Clearwater and the order in this proceeding will be so conditioned.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That this application be and the same hereby is denied; provided, however, that the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad may establish in lieu of the requested abandonment of the agency at Clearwater an arrangement whereby the agencies at Clearwater and Hynes be consolidated under the care of one agent, such agent to divide his time between the respective stations on a basis that is warranted by traffic conditions at the respective stations.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, That Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Company advise this Commission within fifteen days from the date of service of this order as to its intention regarding the continuance of the agency station at Clearwater or the establishment of a joint agency covering the stations of Hynes and Clearwater as hereinabove authorized as an alternate proposition.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th
day of November, 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerton
H. J. Loveland
Frank P. Doherty
H. B.
Dwight Martin
Commissioners.