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Decision No. 8706.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad Company,	)	
a Corporation, under General Order No.	)	Application No. 6534.
36 for an order authorizing the abandon-	)	
ment of the agency at Tecopa, California.)	)	
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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad Company, a Corporation, has applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment of its agency station at Tecopa, Inyo County, California.

Applicant alleges that the nearest agency station south of Tecopa is at Silver Lake, a distance of 37.8 miles from Tecopa and that, provided authority is granted to abandon the agency station at Tecopa, it is proposed to open in lieu thereof an agency station at Shoshone 9.3 miles north of the present station of Tecopa. It is alleged that the principal shippers and receivers of freight at Tecopa are the Acme Cement & Plaster Company and the Tecopa Consolidated Mining Company, both of which industries are now closed, and it is uncertain as to when their operations will be resumed. Applicant proposes, if authorization is granted for the closing of Tecopa Station, to maintain telephone connections with the proposed new station at Shoshone in order that shippers and receivers of freight may have connection with an agency of the company in the same manner as heretofore has existed as regards

the agency station at Tecopa.

A record of the business transacted at Tecopa during the twelve months ending November 30, 1920, shows the following data:

		<u>Revenue</u>
Tickets sold	643	\$2,725.03
Freight received	805,890 lbs.	6,248.79
Freight forwarded	15,958,386 lbs.	<u>46,755.34</u>
		\$55,729.16

Ore in carload lots constitute the principal commodity forwarded and fuel oil in carload lots the principal commodity received, the majority of shipments having moved prior to the month of August, 1920.

Investigation with shippers and receivers of freight, conducted by the Commission, results in advice that there is no objection to the proposed closing of the agency at Tecopa provided another agency is opened at Shoshone and that conditions heretofore existing as regards facilities by which shippers and receivers of freight may telephone to the new agency be installed.

In view of the facts set forth in the application and those received by the Commission in accordance with its investigation, we are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad Company, a Corporation, is hereby authorized to close its agency station at Tecopa upon the following conditions:

- I - Prior to the closing of the station at Tecopa an agency station is to be established and opened to

the public at Shoshone, 9.3 miles north of Tecopa.

II - Arrangements are to be made by applicant whereby telephone service will be available enabling shippers or receivers of freight to communicate with the proposed new station at Shoshone from Tecopa and from the non-agency station of Acme.

III - The authority hereby issued covers the discontinuance of an agency station at Tecopa, such station hereafter to be a non-agency station as regards the receipt and delivery and of express/of carload and less than carload freight and to be a flag stop for the receipt and delivery of passengers.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1921.

Frank D. Baker  
H. D. Loveland  
H. B. Brundage  
Charles H. Russell

Commissioners.