

Decision No. 25981.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
Southern Pacific Company for authority
to close its seasonal agency at
Seabright Station, County of Santa
Cruz, State of California.

Application No. 18560.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

In this proceeding Southern Pacific Company seeks authority to discontinue its seasonal agency which is now maintained from June 1st to August 31st of each year at Seabright, in Santa Cruz County, California. The Commission by its Order in Decision No. 24658, dated April 4, 1932, in Application No. 17974, granted applicant authority to maintain a seasonal agency at this station from June 1st to August 31st, each year, in lieu of a full time agency.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two years' period ending October 31, 1932. An abstract from this statement showing the business conducted during the period when the agency is maintained follows:

Items	Three Months' Period	
	June 1st to August 31st.	
	1931	1932
Passenger tickets sold,	121	8
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	146	61
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	37	7
Number of carload shipments received,	12	10
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	7	2

The nearest existing agencies are Capitola, located a distance of 5.5 miles east, and Santa Cruz, located a distance of 1.2 miles west. The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application. A representative of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department made an investigation of this matter and his report based on the interview of interested shippers and receivers of freight indicates no serious objection from the standpoint of railroad service to the granting of this application.

The company proposes, if this application is granted, to store less-than-carload shipments in its warehouse under lock, provided a suitable arrangement can be made to secure the services of a custodian of the key.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its seasonal agency station which is maintained from June 1st to August 31st of each year at Seabright, located on its Santa Cruz branch in Santa Cruz County, and to

change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said seasonal agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place in said station.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of May, 1933.

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Leon C. Sullivan
M. J. Carr
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Walter H. Brown

Commissioners.