

Decision No. 28031.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
Railway Company, a corporation, for
authority to discontinue its station
at Conejo, California, as an agency
station during the months of August,
September, October, November and
December of each year and to operate
it as a non-agency.

Application No. 18791.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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In this proceeding The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company seeks authority to discontinue its seasonal agency which is now maintained from August First to December 31st of each year at Conejo, Fresno County, California. The Commission by its Order in Decision No. 24135 dated October 19, 1931, in Application No. 17399 granted applicant authority to maintain a seasonal agency at this station from August 1st to December 31st of each year in lieu of a full time agency.

Accompanying the application is a statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the twelve-month period ending February 28, 1933, which follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Twelve-month Period Ending February 28, 1933</u>
Passenger tickets sold	11
Number Less-than-carload Shipments received ..	19
Number Less-than-carload Shipments forwarded .	0
Number Carload Shipments received	5
Number Carload Shipments forwarded	28*

*= 28 cars grapes.

Conejo is unincorporated, has a population of thirty permanent residents, is a trading center for a hay, dairy and deciduous fruit district, and is located on the main line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's Valley Division. The present normal train service serving Conejo consists of two westward and one eastward passenger trains daily, which stop on flag, and one eastward local freight daily except Sundays.

The nearest existing agencies to Conejo are Bowles, located a distance of 6.4 miles to the west; and Laton, 5.9 miles to the east..

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 has made an investigation of this matter and his report, based on the interviews with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates no serious objection from the standpoint of railroad service, to the granting of this application.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is hereby authorized to abandon its seasonal agency station which is maintained from August First to December 31st of each year at Conejo, in Fresno 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 a notice in a conspicuous place at said station.

- (3) Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (5) The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day
of June, 1933.

C. S. Seaman
Leon Whiskey
W. J. Lee
M. B. Harris
W. B. Harris
Commissioners.