

Decision No. 26104.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an Order
authorizing it to close the agency at
Santa Susana Station, County of Ventura,
State of California, during the period
November 1st to April 30th, inclusive,
of each year.

Application No. 13875.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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In this proceeding Southern Pacific Company seeks authority to establish a seasonal agency at Santa Susana, Ventura County, where a full time agency is now maintained. In the original application filed May 10, 1933, permission was sought to close this agency during the period November 1st of each year to the following April 30th and in a supplemental application filed June 2nd, it is proposed to close the agency from December 1st of each year to the following May 31st.

The following tabulation is taken from a statement which shows the total amount of business transacted at said station during a two-year period, together with the business conducted during the six-month period it is proposed to close the agency, December to May, inclusive:

	: Number	: Number Less-than-	: Number Carload	:	
	: Passenger	: carload Shipments	: Shipments	:	
Period	: Tickets	: Received: Forwarded:	: Received: Forwarded:	:	
March, April, May, Dec.-1931					
Jan. Feby. - 1932	139	270	15	3	33
March, April, May, Dec.-1932					
Jan. Feby. - 1933	98	201	11	4	11
Year Ending Feby. 1932	268	556	31	29	171
Year Ending Feby. 1933	221	396	22	13	105

Santa Susana, located on the Southern Pacific Company's coast line between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, is unincorporated and is the trading center for a large agricultural district devoted to the growing of citrus fruits, walnuts and vegetables. The daily passenger service to Santa Susana consists of gas motor stopping on flag in each direction and one south bound steam train. The gas motor operates between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, while the steam train operates south bound between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The regular freight service consists of one local train north bound on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and one south bound on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The nearest existing agency stations to Santa Susana are Moorpark, located 10.4 miles to the north, and North Los Angeles 12.4 miles to the south.

A study of Southern Pacific Company's station records for the six months period when it is proposed to close the agency, during March, April, May and December, 1932, and January and February, 1933, shows that the total revenue from this agency amounted to \$5,892, divided as follows: \$493. passenger, \$315. less-than-carload and \$5,084. carload business. The station expense for this period amounted to \$826., or \$18. more than the amount of revenue derived from the sale of passenger tickets or less-than-carload shipments.

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 an interview of interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates that there is no serious objection from the standpoint of railroad service, to the granting of this application.

Applicant 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. Likewise, the company's telephone will be made available to patrons to communicate with adjacent agencies for the purpose of ordering cars or for other railroad business.

It appears 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 agency at Santa Susana, Ventura County, during the period of approximately December 1st to May 31st, inclusive, of each year, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided such station is continued as an agency station during the period from approximately June 1st to November 30th, of each year, and as a non-agency station from December 1st to and including the following 31st day of May, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, each year, notify the public ten (10) days in advance of the closing of said agency by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said station and also notifying this Commission in writing that said agency is to be closed.
- (2) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission of the seasonal abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (3) 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day
of June, 1933.

O. S. Leary
Leon Quady
M. J. Lee
M. B. Harris
Arthur P. Jones
Commissioners.