

Decision No. 26316.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of George R. Sykes, as Trustee of
Minarets and Western Railway Com-
pany, Ltd., for permission to sus-
pend freight services.

Application No. 19073.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

George R. Sykes, as Trustee of the Minarets and Western Railway Company, Ltd., has applied for authority to suspend all operations on said railroad. Applicant, on April 3, 1933, was appointed Trustee of the Minarets and Western Railway Company, Ltd., which company operates a line of railroad in Fresno and Madera Counties between Pinedale and Pinedale Junction, a distance of four and one-half miles and between Friant and Wishon, a distance of 39.3 miles. Between Pinedale Junction and Friant, a distance of 9.906 miles, applicant uses a branch line track of Southern Pacific Company. It appears that said railroad was constructed primarily to transport logs of the Sugar Pine Lumber Company from forests in the vicinity of Wishon to the mill of said company at Pinedale in the vicinity of Fresno. The application recites that said Sugar Pine Lumber Company is now bankrupt and that it is not at present carrying on any logging or manufacturing operations and that there are no other shippers or receivers of freight which will furnish sufficient tonnage to warrant the continued operation of the line.

A statement attached to the application alleges that

during the first seven months of 1933 the gross railway revenues from the operations of said railroad were \$6,947.95, whereas the total operating expenses were \$47,689.93.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George R. Sykes, as Trustee of the Minarets and Western Railway Company, Ltd., is hereby granted authority, on ten days' notice to the public, to abandon and discontinue the operation of all train service on said line of railroad in Fresno and Madera Counties, California, and to cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all rate tariffs and time schedules of said Railroad Company.

Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of said operations and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

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 effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2^d day of September, 1933.

D. S. Seavey
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Commissioners.