

Decision No. 26423.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
the SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an  
order authorizing it to close the  
agency at Ravendale Station, County  
of Lassen, State of California, during  
the period July 16th to May 15th, in-  
clusive, of each year.

Application No. 18874.

**ORIGINAL**

Roy G. Hillebrand, for Applicant.

Ben V. Curler, for City of Susanville and  
Susanville Chamber of Commerce.

B. C. Lewis, for Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Grover C. Julian, District Attorney County Lassen,  
for Lassen County.

Harry See, for Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Southern Pacific Company seeks authority to close its agency station at Ravendale, Lassen County, during the period from July 16th of each year to May 15th of the following year. During the time the agency is closed it is proposed to maintain Ravendale Station as a non-agency.

A public hearing was conducted in this matter by Examiner Hunter at Susanville, September 26, 1933, at the conclusion of which the matter was taken under submission.

At this time Southern Pacific Company maintains agency service at Ravendale between the hours of midnight and 9:00 A.M. These hours were established for operating reasons. The nearest

agency stations to Ravendale are Madeline, 21 miles to the north, and Wendel, 39 miles to the south.

Southern Pacific Company's Exhibit No. 1 shows the results of operation at Ravendale Station during the two 10-month periods last past, when it is proposed to close the agency, to be as follows:

	: July 1, 1932 :	July 1, 1931 :
	: to :	: to :
I T E M	: May 30, 1933 :	May 30, 1932 :

STATION DATA:

Baggage handled - pieces	13	87
Number of Waybills made	37	65
Number of Freight Bills made	448	468
Western Union Messages	-	-

FREIGHT RECEIVED AND FORWARDED:

Carloads - Cars	12	56
Carload Revenue - Local*	\$424	\$3,009
" " - Interline	\$251	\$ 325
Less-than-carload - Tons	69	100
Less-than-carload Revenue - Local*	\$521	\$ 584
" " " " - Interline	\$ 17	\$ 40

PASSENGERS AND REVENUE:

Agency Reports - Passengers	32	172
" " - Revenue	\$124	\$ 486
Milk and Cream - Cans	-	182
" " " - Revenue	-	\$ 78

\* - The amount shown is one-half the total revenue received for all shipments both sent from and delivered to Ravendale. This division is made to credit one-half of the earnings to the other agency station participating in each shipment.

The carload shipments consist almost entirely of stock and feed; the less-than-carload shipments are largely general merchandise. No revenue other than that shown above is now received by Applicant from its Ravendale Agency. Total annual out-of-pocket agency expenses amounted to approximately \$1,725, the greater portion of which was for agent's salary.

The scheduled train operation on this line is due to arrive at Ravendale as follows:

		<u>P a s s e n g e r</u>			
		Monday,	Tuesday	Freight	
		Wednesday	Thursday		
Direction		& Friday	& Saturday	Daily	
Northbound	12:44 P.M.	-	-	9:10 A.M.	
Southbound	-	-	4:34 P.M.	7:30 P.M. 1:52 A.M.	

If this application is granted, the company proposes to provide a telephone at Ravendale Station for the use of its patrons to reach the agents at adjacent stations; also it is proposed to store less-than-carload shipments in the company's warehouse which will be kept under lock and a custodian appointed to care for the key.

No testimony was offered opposing the granting of this application. The record in this case appears to justify the granting of this application and the order will so provide.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in this proceeding and the matter being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to close its agency at Ravendale Station, Lassen County, during the period from approximately July 16th of each year to May 15th of the following year, under the following conditions:

- (1) Said station is to be continued as a non-agency during the time agency service is not maintained.
- (2) Applicant shall maintain a telephone for the use of its patrons to communicate with agents at adjacent stations; also less-

Condition (2) cont'd.

than-carload shipments shall be stored in the company's warehouse at Ravensdale, under lock, a custodian to be appointed to care for the keys to both the warehouse and the telephone. Notice of where these keys may be secured shall be maintained at the station.

- (3) Applicant shall each year give at least ten (10) days' notice to both the public and this Commission prior to the closing of the agency. Notice to the public shall be afforded by posting notice in a conspicuous place at the station.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, notify this Commission of its acceptance of same.
- (5) The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date of this order unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 1933.

C. L. Henry  
Leon Wheeler  
W. A. Kim  
W. B. Harris  
W. H. [unclear]

Commissioners.