

Decision No. 30813

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, first, for
permission to discontinue operation
of mixed trains Nos. 512 and 513
operating between Davis and Marysville,
and second, for authority to discontinue
all passenger service on its so-called
Knights Landing Branch.

Application No. 21787

R. S. MEYERS, for Applicant,

THOMAS P. PIERCE, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Southern Pacific Company seeks permission to discontinue the operation of mixed trains Nos. 512 and 513 operating between Davis, Yolo County, and Marysville, Yuba County, and for authority to discontinue all passenger service on its so-called Knights Landing Branch running between Woodland and Marysville via Knights Landing.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Hall in Marysville on April 14, 1938.

Southern Pacific Company operates trains Nos. 512 and 513 as mixed trains between Davis and Marysville via Woodland and Knights Landing. That portion of the route between Davis and Woodland is operated over the west side main line while that portion of the route between Woodland and Marysville is over the Knights Landing Branch. These trains are operated daily except Sunday. In addition to the operation above described the equipment also operates over the Sutter Basin Branch and Boyer Branch as extra freight trains.

The record shows that the passenger revenue derived amounts to about \$15.00 per year. These trains are operated primarily to handle freight originating at or destined to Knights Landing and the Sutter Basin area.

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It is proposed to operate extra freight trains through this area to take care of the freight traffic. This rearrangement of service will effect a saving to the applicant of approximately \$12,914 per year.

Passenger service is provided between Woodland and Robbins by Weston and Cruzon, a certificated passenger stage operator. The record shows that this operation provides reasonable passenger service.

No one appeared to object to the granting of the application. A representative of the Knights Landing area stated that the proposed freight service would be entirely satisfactory to the shippers in that area.

A review of the record clearly indicates that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation of passenger service between Woodland and Marysville; that the passenger requirements of applicant do not require the continued operation of trains Nos. 512 and 513 between Davis and Woodland; and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to (1) discontinue the operation of mixed trains Nos. 512 and 513 between Davis and Marysville, via Woodland and Knights Landing; and (2) abandon passenger service on its Knights Landing Branch between Woodland and Marysville, all subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of said discontinuance of service by posting notice on trains Nos. 512 and 513 and at all agency stations involved.
- (b) Applicant shall, in conformity with the general orders of this Commission cancel all passenger tariffs and time schedules applying to said discontinuance of passenger service on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

- (c) Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the abandonment of the service authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (d) 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 25th day of April, 1938.

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Commissioners