

Decision No. 31564

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, first, for  
permission to discontinue the operation  
of mixed trains operating between Keeler  
and Hammil, and second, for authority to  
discontinue all passenger service on its  
so-called Keeler Branch.

Application  
No. 22290

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, here asks (1) for permission to discontinue the operation of its mixed trains between Keeler and Hammil and, (2) for authority to discontinue all passenger service on its so-called Keeler branch located in Inyo and Mono Counties. The present service consists of a mixed train operating on Wednesdays only. The justification offered for the withdrawal of this service is that it is not handling sufficient passenger traffic to warrant continued operation. Applicant states that if and when such mixed trains are discontinued, it will continue to operate sufficient freight trains between said points as are needed to take care of the freight traffic.

It does not appear that this is a matter in which a public hearing is required.<sup>(1)</sup>

Good Cause Appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company be authorized to (A) discontinue the operation of its mixed trains between Keeler and Hammil, and (B) to discontinue all passenger service on its Keeler branch, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of said discontinuance of service by

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(1) Under date of October 26, 1938 this Commission advised the Board of Supervisors of Mono and Inyo Counties, the Chambers of Commerce of Lone Pine, Independence, and Bishop of the carrier's application, requesting that this Commission be advised if these bodies had any protest or other representation to make in the matter. No replies were received.

posting notice on all trains affected and at all stations involved;

2. Applicant shall, in conformity with the General Orders of this Commission, cancel all passenger tariffs and time schedules applying to said discontinued service on not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and to the public;
3. 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;
4. The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1938.

*Robert A. [unclear]*  
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(Commissioners)