

Decision No. 31585

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY,
a corporation, for permission to
permanently Abandon Agency at Youngs-
town, California.

Application No. 22234

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Central California Traction Company has applied to this Commission for authority to abandon its seasonal agency at Youngstown, California. Said station is located 5.2 miles easterly from Lodi, 17 miles northerly from Stockton, and 19 miles southerly from Sheldon, at each of which points agency stations are maintained.

In Decisions Nos. 25268 and 29956 in Application No. 18382, this carrier was granted permission to close its agency at Youngstown from November 1 of each year to approximately August 15 of the following year.

Applicant now contends that there is no public convenience or necessity for the retention of this agency even during the seasonal period between August 15 and November 1. In support of such allegation, applicant states that this agency serves an agricultural district, that the freight traffic is entirely agricultural and seasonal, that practically the entire freight business is made up of shipments of the Acampo Fruit Growers Association, that said Fruit Growers Association is agreeable to transacting its business through the applicant's Lodi agency, that by reason of the seasonal and personal character of the freight business no inconvenience will be suffered by the general public by the discontinuance of said agency and, finally, that the revenue derived is not sufficient to pay the cost of the operation.

A letter addressed to the Acampo Fruit Growers Association under date of September 22, 1938, advising it of the carrier's application and requesting its position in the matter, has remained

unanswered. It would appear that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary.

Good Cause Appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Central California Traction Company, be and it is hereby authorized to close its agency station at Youngstown, California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall continue said station as a non-agency station.
2. Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter notify this Commission, in writing, of the 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 effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of

December, 1938.

Raymond
Leon Whittell
Frank R. Linn
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W. H. Linn
(Commissioners)