



of the agency for the period stated and hence asks for its discontinuance and maintenance as a non-agency station until sufficient traffic shall have been developed to justify again maintaining the agency.

The amount of traffic handled at the Ravendale Station during the approximate period of May 16 to July 15, inclusive, 1937 and 1938 is as follows:

I t e m	: Two : Months : 1938	: Average : Per : Month	: Two : Months : 1937	: Average : Per : Month
<b><u>FREIGHT RECEIVED AND FORWARDED:</u></b>				
Carloads - Cars	12	6	5	3
Carload Revenue - Local*	\$ 463	\$ 232	\$ 479	\$ 240
Carload Revenue - Interline	\$ 119	\$ 60	-	-
Less-than-carload - Tons	5	3	8	1
Less-than-carload Revenue -Local*	\$ 44	\$ 22	\$ 86	\$ 43
Less-than-carload Revenue - Interline	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 7	\$ 4
<b><u>PASSENGERS AND REVENUE:</u></b>				
Agency Reports - Passengers			(None)	
Agency reports - Revenue			(None)	
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u></b>				
Baggage handled - pieces			(None)	
Western Union Messages			(None)	
Milk and Cream - Cans			(None)	
Milk and Cream - Revenue			(None)	

\* = For the item of local freight revenue, the amounts shown represent one-half of the actual revenue in order to allocate or credit to this station its proportion of the revenues derived therefrom.

At the present time there is no passenger service on the line operating through Ravendale, nor is there any Railway Express Agency business handled by Southern Pacific Company in and out of this point. The Railway Express Agency maintains its own independent agent in the local store with the line-haul being handled by truck.

The actual cost to applicant of maintaining the agency during the period May 16 to July 15, inclusive, 1937, amounted to \$379.

At the present time the key to the freight house is left in charge of a custodian at Ravendale who provides access for shippers

receiving or forwarding less-than-carload traffic. The company maintains a free telephone at Ravendale to communicate with the agency points on either side, Madeline, 21.0 miles east, and Wendel, 39.2 miles to the west.

Two witnesses introduced testimony in opposition to the granting of the application. The first mentioned certain dissatisfaction expressed to him by livestock shippers, such as the inconvenience of shipping through a non-agency point. The second witness testified to the inconvenience of shipping from a non-agency point, but admitted that he did not know the agency had been discontinued during ten months of the year for some years. He stated, transcript pp. 35 and 36: ".....I have been through there and the cars was put in on the switch, we loaded our cattle and jumped in our car and we were gone..."

On consideration of all the facts of record in this case, particularly the volume of traffic handled, the arrangements made to handle less-carload traffic, and the lack of any passenger traffic to be accommodated, it appears that the application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

Public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding and the matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Southern Pacific Company, be authorized to abandon its agency station at Ravendale, Lassen County, 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 store less-than-carload freight shipments under lock in the company's warehouse and the company telephone, located at this station, shall be made available

to patrons. The keys to both warehouse and telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station. Notice shall be maintained at said station advising prospective shippers and patrons where keys may be secured.

- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1939.  
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