

Decision No. 23103

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an)
order authorizing it to close its)
seasonal agency at Towle Station,)
County of Placer, State of Califor-)
nia, and to maintain same as a non-)
agency.)

Application No. 23103

R. S. MYERS, for Applicant.

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, has made application requesting authority to close its seasonal agency of Towle Station in Placer County and to maintain same as a non-agency station.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Malquist at Dutch Flat, California, on April 15, 1940, at which time the matter was duly submitted.

A brief review of the history of the Towle Station agency discloses that Southern Pacific Company filed Application No. 18763 on March 13, 1933, requesting authority to close its agency at said station during the period from approximately November 1 to April 30 of each year. This request was granted by Decision No. 25949 dated May 15, 1933.

Applicant now contends that under present conditions the business handled at said Towle Station does not warrant the maintenance of an agency during the remaining months of the year, namely, approximately May 1 to October 31, and therefore requests its discontinuance as a seasonal agency station.

The amount of traffic handled at the Towle Station during the approximate period of May 1 to October 31, inclusive, 1938 and 1939, is as follows:

	6-Mos. May to October 1939 Incl. <u>(a)</u>	Average Per Mo. <u>(b)</u>	6-Mos. May to October 1938 Incl. <u>(c)</u>	Average Per Mo. <u>(d)</u>
<u>FREIGHT RECEIVED AND FORWARDED:</u>				
Carloads - Cars	8	1	20	3
Carload Revenue - Local*	\$ 333	\$ 56	\$ 670	\$ 112
Carload Revenue - Interline	-	-	\$ 308	\$ 51
Less-carload Revenue - Local*	\$ 9	\$ 2	\$ 84	\$ 14
Less-carload Revenue -Interline	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 1

PASSENGERS AND REVENUE
(Estimated)

Agency reports - Passengers	13	2	-	-
Agency reports - Revenue	\$ 61	\$ 10	-	-
Milk and Cream - Cans	2	-	-	-

STATION EXPENSES COMPARED WITH LESS-THAN-CARLOAD AND TICKET REVENUE FOR SIX MONTHS
May to October, 1939

Station expense Ø	\$ 967	\$ -
Average per month	-	\$ 161
Less-carload revenue	\$ 11	-
Average per month	-	\$ 2
Ticket revenue (Estimated)	\$ 61	-
Average per month	-	\$ 10
Total average revenue per month for LCL and ticket (Agency Reports) sales	-	\$ 12

* For the items 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 revenue derived therefrom.

Ø Station Expense represents wage item only, based on 8-hour day, daily except Sundays and holidays.

Towle Station has served a mining and summer resort district but the record discloses the population has decreased the past few years and only two residences are now permanently occupied in this community. At the present time the key to the freight house is left in charge of a custodian at Towle who provides access for shippers receiving or forwarding less-than-carload traffic. However, the community is served by the Pacific Motor Trucking Company and pickup and delivery service is performed at store-door for less-than-carload shipments. A witness introduced testimony that this service has proved highly satisfactory. The company also maintains a telephone at the station and same is available to patrons in the event they desire to transact any business with the existing agencies on either side, Truckee 50.2 miles east and Colfax 15.1 miles west. Patrons desiring to use passenger trains will be able to purchase their tickets from the train conductor without penalty on any one way or round trip fare.

No one appeared at the hearing opposing the granting of this application. Therefore, on consideration of all the facts of record in this case, particularly the volume of traffic handled, and in view of the fact that applicant has made arrangements for public need by providing company property and making same available for use by the general public, it appears that the application should be granted.

ORDER

A 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 Towle, Placer

County, California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall continue said agency as a non-agency station.
- (2) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload freight shipments under lock in company's warehouse and the railroad telephone located at said station shall be made available to its patrons. The keys to both warehouse and telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notices advising shippers where the key may be secured shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone.
- (3) Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities 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 (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 30th day of April, 1940.

Ray & Riley
James H. Miller
Robert W. Hubert
J. J. Miller
Justus J. Palmer
(COMMISSIONERS)