

Decision No. 33948

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) Application No. 22941
agency at Castella Station, County of)
Shasta, State of California, and to)
maintain same as a non-agency.)

R. S. MYERS, for Applicant.

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 Castella Station in Shasta County and to maintain same as a non-agency station.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Melquist at Dunsmuir, California, on April 19, 1940, at which time the matter was duly submitted.

A brief review of the history of the Castella Station agency discloses that Southern Pacific Company filed Application No. 18387 on August 31, 1932, requesting authority to close its agency at said station during the period from approximately September 1 to May 31 of each year. This request was granted by Decision No. 25338 dated November 7, 1932.

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

ORIGINAL

The amount of traffic handled at the Castella Station during the approximate period of June 1 to August 31, inclusive, 1938 and 1939, is as follows:

	3-Mos. June July August 1939 (a)	Average Per No. (b)	3-Mos. June July August 1938 (c)	Average Per Month (d)
<u>FREIGHT RECEIVED AND FORWARDED:</u>				
Carloads - Cars	18	6	1	-
Carload revenue - Local*	\$ 280	\$ 93	\$ 116	\$ 39
Carload revenue - Interline	\$ 885	\$ 295	-	-
Less-carload revenue - Local*	\$ 70	\$ 23	\$ 71	\$ 24
Less-carload revenue -Interline	-	-	\$ 1	-

PASSENGERS AND REVENUE
(Estimated)

Agency reports - Passengers	36	12	-	-
Agency reports - Revenue	\$ 123	\$ 41	-	-

**STATION EXPENSES COMPARED WITH LESS-THAN-CARLOAD AND TICKET REVENUE FOR THREE MONTHS
May, June and July, 1939**

Station expense ø	\$ 495	\$ -
Average per month	-	\$ 165
Less-carload revenue*	\$ 70	-
Average per month	-	\$ 23
Ticket revenue (Estimated)	\$ 123	-
Average per month	-	\$ 41
Total average revenue per month for ICL and ticket (Agency Reports) sales	-	\$ 64

* 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, with total of 78 working days during the three months of June, July and August, 1939.

The record discloses that in the event this application is granted the discontinuance of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities. At the present time the key to the freight house is left in charge of a custodian at Castella who provides access for shippers receiving or forwarding less-than-carload traffic. The company maintains a free telephone at said station for patrons desiring to communicate with the existing agencies on either side, Dunsmuir 6.8 miles north and Delta 18.6 miles south. Patrons desiring to use passenger trains will be able to purchase their tickets from the train conductor without penalty on any one way and or round trip fare.

Castella Station serves a summer resort district and previously enjoyed a substantial passenger business. The record discloses the volume of this business has gradually decreased over a period of years and the summer resort previously operated at Castella has now been closed for lack of patronage.

No one appeared at the hearing opposing the granting of this application. 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.

O R D E R

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 seasonal agency station at

Castella, Shasta 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) 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.

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(COMMISSIONERS)