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IN

Decision No. 23722

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 Westmorland Station, Imperial County, California, and to maintain same as a non-agency.

ORIGINAL
Application No. 23722

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The verified application of Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, discloses that no passenger business has been transacted at said station during the seasons of either 1939 or 1940; that during the 1939 season one carload freight shipment was received, 102 carloads forwarded, 59 less-than-carload shipments received and none were forwarded; that during the 1940 season one carload freight shipment was received, 211 carload shipments forwarded, 60 less-than-carload shipments were received and none forwarded; that the nearest agency to the east is at Calipatria, a distance of 12.6 miles, and there is no agency to the west, as Westmorland is at the end of a branch line; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station; and that, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of applicant or for the public. The verified application further discloses that Westmorland is on the same telephone exchange as Brawley; that no long distance charge is made for communications between telephone stations in Westmorland and telephone stations in Brawley; that shippers and receivers of railroad freight at Westmorland deal with applicant's agent at Brawley, using their own telephones for such purpose; and that, therefore, it is unnecessary

that a company telephone be maintained at Westmorland Station for the use of its patrons, as required by Condition (2) of Decision No. 27769, dated February 25, 1935, in Application No. 19682, which decision authorized the establishment of Westmorland Station as a seasonal agency point instead of a full-time agency.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted;

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to abandon its seasonal agency at its station of Westmorland, in Imperial County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of said seasonal agency abandonment, by posting notice at said station.
- (2) 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.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Condition (2) of Decision No. 27769, dated February 25, 1935, in Application No. 19682, be and it is hereby rescinded.

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, December 10, 1940.

Harold L. Wiley
Frank H. Hillman
Arthur F. Craven
Commissioners.