Decision No. RACHDON

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Yosemite Valley Railway Company for permission to close agency station at Snelling, California.

Application No. 23948

BY THE COMMISSION:

## ORDER

OPIGINAL Yosemite Valley Railway Company has made application for authority to abandon its agency at Snelling, Merced County. Applicant alleges that \$17.60 passenger business was transacted at this agency station during the year ending December 31, 1940, that \$84.13 freight business was forwarded from said station, and that \$1,492.48 freight business was received at Snelling during the same period.

The nearest agency station to the west is located at Merced, a distance of 18.1 miles, and to the east at Merced Falls, a distance of 6.1 miles.

Applicant states that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities, that the station will be continued as a non-agency station, and that a key to the warehouse will be placed in the hands of a custodian near the station and that it will also furnish a key to the principal receivers of freight. Telephone facilities whereby shippers can talk direct to a representative of the company will also be provided.

Shippers and receivers of freight using this facility in the past have been interviewed and have stated that they have no objection to discontinuance of agency service, the California Farm Bureau Federation has written the Commission that it has no representations to make in the matter, and investigation has been made by the Commission's Transportation Department.

It appears that a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Yosemite Valley Railway Company is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at Smelling, Merced County, to change its station records and tariffs accordingly provided that said station shall be continued as a non-agency station, that the freight house at said station be made available for the storage of less-than-carload shipments, and that a key to said freight house be placed in the hands of a custodian in the vicinity of the station and notice to that effect maintained on the door of the freight house. Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities herein authorized and in compliance with the conditions hereof.

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.

This order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at Sun Francisco, California, this

day of

March, 1911.