

Decision No. 36384

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for order )  
authorizing the discontinuance of )  
all train service on its Lake Tahoe )  
Branch. )

Application No. 25600

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

In this application Southern Pacific Company requests authority to discontinue all train service on its Lake Tahoe Branch alleging that due to war conditions neither crews nor equipment are available for such operation; that the territory served is devoted primarily to summer homes and resorts; that under present conditions the amount of carload freight which might be handled on this branch is not sufficient to justify the operation; that passengers are handled to and from all stations on the branch by Pacific Greyhound Lines, honoring tickets of Southern Pacific Company, and making transfer to main line trains of applicant at Truckee; and that Pacific Motor Trucking Company transports less-than-carload freight in the territory involved.

Under existing time tables there are no scheduled train movements on this line and there have been none since September, 1940. Such freight as has been offered has been moved by extra train. During the year 1942 but twenty cars of freight were handled in this manner.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, that under present conditions the transportation requirements of this territory can be adequately met by the operations of Pacific Greyhound Lines and Pacific Motor Trucking Company, and that applicant should be permitted to discontinue train service for the duration of the war, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to discontinue train service on its Lake Tahoe Branch between Truckee and Lake Tahoe for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1943.

Francis D. Havens

Justin D. Owens

Richard L. Baker

Francis D. Owens  
Commissioners