

Decision No. 43215

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of the TROMA RAILWAY COMPANY to)	Application No. 30544
reduce agency service at all)	
stations in California.)	

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Trona Railway Company seeks authority to close two of its agency stations on Saturdays, effective September 1, 1949. One of the agency stations involved is at Trona, San Bernardino County, and the other at Searles, Kern County.

As justification for the closing of these agency stations on Saturdays, applicant alleges in its application that:

- 1) "Effective September 1, 1949, applicant is adopting a forty-hour week as a result of recommendation made by an Emergency Board appointed by the President of the United States under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act."
- 2) "Through inadvertence and lack of knowledge of the filing thereof, applicant did not join in Application 30462 filed with the Commission by other railroads and express companies in the State on July 6, 1949, but applicant has familiarized itself with said application as well as with the provisions of the Commission's Decision No. 43176 thereon, dated August 2, 1949, and stipulates that if this application is granted applicant will adhere to and abide by the conditions set forth in the order of said Decision No. 43176."

By the order of its Decision No. 43176, dated August 2, 1949, in Application No. 30462, the Commission authorized the applicants to operate their agency stations on a basis of 40 hours per week subject to certain conditions.

It appears that the issues in the instant application are similar to those in Application No. 30462, and it should be granted subject to the provisions set forth in Decision No. 43176. It appears that this is not a matter in which public hearing is necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the Trona Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized to operate its agency stations at Trona and Searles, on a basis of 40 hours per week, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applicant, before reducing service, shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public by posting notice at the two stations involved.

(2) Applicant shall provide agency service at these two stations whenever the movement of seasonal commodities, perishables, or other reasonable demands of the shippers so require.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission reserves the right to institute a proceeding at any time, either on its own motion or otherwise, to reopen this matter for the purpose of ascertaining the adequacy of agency service at any station.

The effective date of this order shall be August 19, 1949.

Dated at San Francisco California, this 16th day of August, 1949.

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