

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 47354

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an )  
 order authorizing it to discontinue ) Application No. 33314  
 the handling of less-than-carload )  
 freight at 16th and Harrison Streets, )  
 San Francisco, California. )

R. S. Myers, for applicant.  
Norman A. Wood, for the Transportation Department,  
 Public Utilities Commission.

O P I N I O N

The Southern Pacific Company herein requests authority to discontinue the handling of less-than-carload freight at its substation at 16th and Harrison Streets, San Francisco.

A public hearing, at which no protestants appeared, was held in San Francisco on June 5, 1952, before Examiner Silverhart.

A copy of the notice of hearing was posted at such substation and a copy of such notice was published in a daily newspaper of general circulation on May 27, 1952 and May 26, 1952, respectively.

Applicant's local freight agent testified that less-than-carload shipments destined for San Francisco are transported directly to its station at 4th and Berry Streets, San Francisco, and that such shipments are in no way handled at the 16th and Harrison Streets substation (approximately one mile distant therefrom). The witness stated that the substation is only a gathering place for outbound less-than-carload freight, which a shipper may bring there or to the Berry Street station. If the freight is brought to the station by the shipper instead of utilizing applicant's store-door pickup and delivery service, an allowance of

5 cents per 100 pounds is given, he said. According to his testimony, freight received at the Harrison Street substation is there checked, loaded on Pacific Motor Trucking Company's van, taken to the Berry Street station, unloaded, again checked by a receiving clerk, and processed for forwarding to destination, thus resulting in a duplication of work in handling the same shipment.

Applicant's exhibits show a steady decline in less-than-carload shipments forwarded from 16th and Harrison Streets substation since 1947, viz:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tons</u>
1947	4,927.35
1948	3,080.18
1949	2,399.81
1950	1,937.46
1951	1,402.76
1952 (1st quarter)	399.00

Revenues and expenses applicable to the handling of less-than-carload freight forwarded from such substation during the year 1951 are illustrated in the following manner:

(1) <u>Revenue</u> , system .....	\$34,495
(2) <u>Operating Cost</u>	
(a) Allowance for delivery to 16th and Harrison Streets by shipper .....	\$1,403
(b) Platform expense .....	7,500
(c) Transfer to 4th and Berry Streets freight station ....	3,978
(d) Platform expense at 4th and Berry Streets .....	5,401
(e) Clerical work at 4th and Berry Streets .....	4,896
(f) Line-haul expense to destination .....	10,992

(g)	Platform and clerical expense at destination on local traffic .....	\$ 6,426
(h)	Store-door delivery at destination .....	4,360
(i)	Loss and damage .....	<u>766</u>
	Total Expense .....	\$45,722
(3)	<u>Loss</u> .....	11,227

Savings which would result by discontinuing handling of less-than-carload freight at the 16th and Harrison Streets substation on the basis of traffic forwarded in 1951 are set forth in the tabulation following:

(1)	<u>Present Cost</u>	
(a)	Items (2)(a), (b) and (c) of Operating Cost .....	\$12,881
(b)	Less delivery allowance, if shipper elects to deliver less-than-carload shipments to 4th and Berry Streets station .....	<u>1,403</u>
(c)	Maximum saving per year .....	11,478
(2)	<u>Total Present Cost</u> (Item (1)(a) above) .....	12,881
(a)	Less cost pickup service, if shipper elects to have freight picked up store-door by Pacific Motor Trucking Company .....	<u>5,332</u>
(b)	Minimum saving per year .....	7,549

Upon consideration of the facts as disclosed by the evidence herein, we find that the authority to abandon, sought herein, has been justified; therefore, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and based upon the evidence therein adduced,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Southern Pacific Company is authorized to discontinue the receipt at and transportation of less-than-carload shipments from its substation located at 16th and Harrison Streets, San Francisco, California, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days notice to the public of the discontinuance of service herein authorized by posting notice thereof at said substation.
- (b) Applicant shall thereafter modify its station records, tariffs and time schedules in accordance with the authority herein granted, upon not less than two (2) days' notice to the Commission.
- (c) The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within ninety (90) days after the effective date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (d) Within thirty (30) days after discontinuance of service, applicant shall notify this Commission thereof and of compliance with the conditions hereinabove set forth.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1952.

[Signature]  
President

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Commissioners