

Decision No. 55537**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for author- )  
 ity to discontinue agency at Alameda, ) Application No. 39150  
 Alameda County, State of California, )  
 and to maintain said station as a )  
 non-agency. )

Randolph Kerr and Harold S. Lentz, for  
 applicant.  
I. S. Wilson, for The Order of Railroad  
 Telegraphers, protestant.  
Edward G. McLane, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Southern Pacific Company requests an order of the Commission authorizing it to discontinue its agency at Alameda, Alameda County, California.

Public hearing was held in Alameda on August 15, 1957, before Examiner Rowe. Evidence was adduced and the matter is now duly submitted and ready for decision.

Due notice of the hearing and of the application was given to the public. Counsel for The Order of Railroad Telegraphers appeared and cross-examined the applicant's witnesses but introduced no evidence. No members of the public appeared to testify.

According to the evidence, there is no substantial need for an agency at this station. No passengers are now transported to and from Alameda. The supervision and accounting functions having to do with the movement of all freight to and from Alameda can be handled efficiently and adequately from the agency station in Oakland. Pickup and delivery service of less-than-carload-lot shipments are handled by Pacific Motor Trucking Company. Passenger tickets can be purchased

at nearby agencies. A large percent of ticket sales are now made by mail after a telephone request. C.O.D. shipments can be picked up at nearby stations where credit arrangements have not been made. No need for the maintenance of the station property is shown. The city proposes to acquire most of this property for street purposes in the near future.

Upon full consideration of the facts of record in this proceeding, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the expense of maintaining this agency is not justified; that the freight and passenger service will not be adversely affected by discontinuance of this station as an agency; that public convenience and necessity no longer require the service here sought to be discontinued; and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding and the matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to discontinue agency service and to abandon the station at Alameda, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Southern Pacific Company shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of the discontinuance of agency service by posting notice thereof at the station.

(2) Applicant shall eliminate said name from its station records; and shall cancel all tariffs and time schedules applying at said station on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public. Such tariff changes shall quote this decision number as the requisite authority. This order shall not be construed as authorization to increase rates or charges.

(3) The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

(4) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, Southern Pacific Company shall, in writing, notify this Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

The effective date of this decision shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1957.

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 President

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 Commissioners