

Decision No. 55975**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for)
authority to discontinue the)
sale of passenger transportation)
and to close the ticket office)
portion of agency station at)
Fruitvale, Alameda County, State)
of California.)

Application No. 39264

Randolph Karr and Harold S. Lentz for applicant.
E. A. McMillan for California State Legislative
Committee, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; and
Robert A. Larson and Lewis Vacinich, for
the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Lodge No. 802,
interested parties.
Donald W. Sawyer for C. P. Brannon, protestant.
Edward G. McLane for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed July 24, 1957, Southern Pacific Company requests authority to discontinue the sale of passenger transportation and to close the ticket portion of the agency station at Fruitvale. As justification it is alleged that under present conditions the business handled and the type of business at this station do not warrant its continuance, and that the general public can be adequately and conveniently served at other agencies and offices.

Public hearing was held in Oakland on November 5, 1957, before Examiner Rowe at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter duly submitted for decision.

From the evidence of record it appears and the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of facilities and service for the sale of passenger tickets and the handling of baggage at the Fruitvale agency.

The building will be continued for the handling of freight business and a covered area will be maintained as a shelter for passengers boarding or detraining at this point, but the actual sale of tickets can more efficiently and economically be carried on at other points or by the use of other methods. An annual saving to the company of \$9,972 can thus be obtained.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and the above matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Southern Pacific Company is authorized to discontinue the sale of passenger transportation and the maintenance of a ticket portion of the agency station at Fruitvale, Alameda County, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Southern Pacific Company shall continue to maintain said station as a freight agency.
- (b) Applicant shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of the discontinuance of agency service herein authorized by posting notice thereof at the station.
- (c) The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

(d) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service, as herein authorized, applicant shall notify this Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of December, 1957.

E. Mitchell
President

Paul J. [unclear]

William [unclear]

R. Hardy

E. [unclear]
Commissioners