

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56138

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY and of)
 RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED,)
 for authority to discontinue agency) Application No. 39393
 at Centerville, County of Alameda,)
 State of California, and to maintain)
 said station as a nonagency.)

Harold S. Lentz, for applicants.
I. S. Wilson and H. D. Smith, for The
 Order of Railroad Telegraphers,
 protestant.
Edward G. McLane, for the Commission
 staff.

O P I N I O N

By the application filed September 10, 1957, Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, request an order authorizing them to discontinue the agency at Centerville, to remove the station building and to maintain said station as a non-agency station. As justification, it is alleged that under present conditions both the business handled and the type of business conducted do not warrant the continuance of the agency or the station building, and that the public convenience and necessity of the public can best be served by handling this business from adjacent agencies.

Public hearing was held in Centerville on November 22, 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 as an agency by either applicant at Centerville. It is also found that public convenience and

necessity no longer require the maintenance of the station building. An annual saving to Southern Pacific Company of more than \$6,000 can be obtained by discontinuing the agency. By removing the building, valuable land will be made available for other necessary uses.

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 and Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, are authorized to discontinue their agencies at Centerville, Alameda County, and Southern Pacific Company is authorized to remove its station building at that location, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Southern Pacific Company shall continue to maintain said station in a nonagency status.
- b. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicants shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station, shall file in duplicate amendments to their tariffs showing the change authorized herein, and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the change.
- c. Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicants

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 21st day of January, 1958.

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 President

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 Commissioners