

Decision No. 56280

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for)	
authority to discontinue agency)	Application No. 39552
at Pleasanton, Alameda County,)	
State of California, and to main-)	
tain said station as a non-agency.)	

Harold S. Lentz, for applicant.
I. S. Wilson, for the Order of Railroad
 Telegraphers, protestant.
William A. Struthers, for the City of
 Pleasanton; Niel L. Moore, for Jackson
 & Perkins; interested parties.

O P I N I O N

By application filed November 13, 1957, Southern Pacific Company requests an order authorizing it to discontinue the agency at Pleasanton, to remove the station building, and to maintain said station on a non-agency basis. It is alleged that the business handled and the type of business conducted at said station do not warrant the continued maintenance of an agency or of the station building there, and that the public can be as adequately and conveniently served at the nearby agencies of Elliott and Livermore.

Public hearing was held in Pleasanton on January 24, 1958, before Examiner Rowe, at which time evidence, both oral and documentary, was adduced and the matter duly submitted for decision.

The preponderant weight of the evidence supports a finding that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of a station or a station building in Pleasanton by applicant.

The representative of the local chamber of commerce stated that if the business conducted by the railroad in the valley resulted in a loss to applicant he agreed it should not be required to maintain a station there, but that if any station is to be operated in the valley it should be located in the City of Pleasanton, the metropolitan center of the area. The representative of a large rose grower also indicated the opinion that his firm could be best served by the present station rather than from an agency located at a station two miles distant at Elliott. The City expressed no opposition to the granting of this application but requested that the following conditions be made a part of the Commission's order:

1. Local toll free telephone service will be maintained to the freight station at Elliott and at Livermore.
2. The Elliott station will be open for public service at least sixteen hours a day.
3. An industrial clerk will be available for the Pleasanton shippers and will come to the city to perform clerical and advisory service now handled by the Pleasanton freight agent.
4. All services now provided at Pleasanton will be provided in the same manner at Elliott.
5. Customer off-street parking needs will be determined and furnished at Elliott station.
6. Subject to Commission approval the station name Elliott will be changed to East Pleasanton within six months.

Applicant, through the testimony of its witnesses, indicated an intention of meeting the City's requested conditions. The Commission approves applicant's observance of these requirements under present circumstances.

ORDER

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Southern Pacific Company is authorized to discontinue its agency at Pleasanton, Alameda County, and to remove its station building subject to the following conditions:

- a. Southern Pacific Company shall continue to maintain said station in a non-agency 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, applicant shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station, shall file in duplicate amendments to its tariffs showing the changes 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, 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 25th day of February, 1958.

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President

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Commissioners