

Decision No. 57025

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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 at)
 San Gabriel, County of Los Angeles,)
 State of California, and to maintain)
 said station as a nonagency.)

Application No. 39948

Randolph Karr, E. D. Yeomans, Harold S. Lentz
and James W. O'Brien, for applicant.
H. D. Smith, for The Order of Railroad Tele-
graphers, W. J. Probert and Evart A. Charlton,
for the City of San Gabriel and James D. Burgess,
for the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce,
 protestants.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed March 28, 1958, Southern Pacific Company requests an order of this Commission authorizing it to discontinue its agency station at San Gabriel and to maintain it as a nonagency station.

Public hearing was held in San Gabriel on June 17, 1958, before Examiner Rowe, at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision.

No passenger service is performed in San Gabriel and only an insignificant number of tickets have been sold there. Carload freight shipments should not be adversely affected by closing this agency. Less-than-carload freight is presently picked up and delivered by Pacific Motor Trucking Company. This service will in no way be affected. Station deliveries and pickups of less-than-carload freight only will be discontinued at San Gabriel. Such service, if the application is granted, will be performed at Alhambra, 3.7 miles to the west.

The testimony of protestants indicated doubt as to whether the Alhambra agent and his staff would be as conscientious in their efforts to serve San Gabriel residents as an agent stationed in San Gabriel. Also, it was urged that removing the agent would adversely affect the prestige of San Gabriel and its ability to attract new industries.

The Commission finds from the evidence of record that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of an agency by applicant at San Gabriel. Applicant indicated no intention of lessening any service at San Gabriel other than depot deliveries; therefore, it will be required to maintain said station as a Class A nonagency. Discontinuing this agency will effect an annual saving of approximately \$5,000.

O R D E R

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

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Southern Pacific Company is authorized to discontinue its agency at San Gabriel, Los Angeles County, California, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Southern Pacific Company shall maintain said station in a Class 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, Southern Pacific Company 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 changes.

(c) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, Southern Pacific Company 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 22nd day of January, 1958.

L. Lyn Fox
 President

John E. Mitchell

John W. [unclear]

Theodore [unclear]

Commissioners