

Decision No. 57253**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY and RAILWAY)
 EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED, for)
 authority to discontinue agency at) Application No. 40034
 Saticoy, County of Ventura, State of)
 California, and to maintain said)
 station as a nonagency.)

E. D. Yeomans, Randolph Karr and James W. O'Brien, for
 applicants.
Vaughn White for himself, and James L. Brock, for J. L.
 Brock Co., Inc., protestants.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed April 25, 1958, the Southern Pacific Company and the Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, request an order authorizing them to discontinue their agency at Saticoy, Ventura County, and to maintain said station as a nonagency station. ✓

A public hearing was held in Saticoy on July 23, 1958, before Examiner Rowe, at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter duly submitted.

This station is located on a branch line over which no passenger service is rendered. Most of the freight moving out of this point goes in carload lots. Less-than-carload shipments are transported by Pacific Motor Trucking Company. There have been no depot deliveries during the last two years. From the evidence of record it appears, and this Commission finds, that public convenience and necessity no longer require that either applicant maintain its agency at Saticoy. The service of the railroad applicant

can just as efficiently be handled by the Oxnard agent located nine miles distant. No inconvenience should be suffered by the public by closing this agency. More than \$5,000 will be saved annually by the railroad's closing this station.

The total gross revenue received by the Railway Express Agency is approximately \$2,000 per year. It will not be feasible for this applicant to engage the services of a local merchant to handle its business on a commission basis. The expected revenue of about \$17.10 per month is insufficient to expect anyone to give the necessary time and work required to learn this applicant's tariffs and perform the relatively involved accounting procedures. Since the Southern Pacific Company will continue to handle freight in any quantity of carloads or less, it will be required to maintain this station in a Class A nonagency status.

O R D E R

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Southern Pacific Company and the Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, are authorized to discontinue their agencies at Saticoy, Ventura County, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Southern Pacific Company shall continue to maintain said station in a Class A nonagency status.
- b. Applicants shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of discontinuance of agency service by posting notice thereof at the station.
- c. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, applicants, upon not less than ten days' notice to this Commission and to the public, shall file, in duplicate, amendments to their tariffs showing the changes herein authorized and shall make reference in such tariff amendments to this decision as authority therefor.

- d. The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof.
- e. Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicants shall notify this Commission in writing 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 26th day of August, 1958.

E. Juan Fox
President

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Theodore J. Jerney
Commissioners

Commissioner Ray E. Untereiner..... being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.