

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57642

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the Matter of the Application of) | |
| TIDEWATER SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY) | |
| for authority to reduce the agency) | Application No. 40176 |
| station at Manteca, San Joaquin) | |
| County to a nonagency status.) | |

E. L. Van Dellen for applicant.

O P I N I O N

By application filed June 14, 1958, Tidewater Southern Railway Company requests an order authorizing it to discontinue its agency at Manteca, San Joaquin County, and to maintain said station as a nonagency station.

Public hearing was held in Manteca on October 21, 1958, before Examiner Rowe, at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter submitted for decision.

The railroad renders no passenger service and no tickets are sold at this station. The agent performs no function in the operations of the trains. The railroad extends between Stockton and Turlock. Manteca is at the end of a six-mile branch line by that name. Most of the freight moves during a ninety-day period in the fall of the year.

The present work at Escalon, where agency functions will be performed, is such that the agent will have sufficient time to handle the Manteca work without difficulty. During the three months of harvest when most of the shipments are made from Manteca,

applicant proposes to temporarily assign a clerk to be stationed at Manteca but under the supervision of the Escalon agent. Two witnesses representing local shippers expressed doubt as to whether an agent at Escalon could give them the same service as at present.

The Commission finds from the evidence of record that agency service will be handled just as efficiently should the application be granted. It is further found that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of an agent at Manteca. By closing this agency applicant will save approximately \$4,000 annually. At present the freight movement is almost entirely in carload lots. No reduction in transportation service is authorized by the following order.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held and the above matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS ORDERED that Tidewater Southern Railway Company is authorized to discontinue its agency at Manteca, San Joaquin County, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Applicant shall continue to handle freight in any quantity as at present, carload or less, at the Manteca station.
- (b) Applicant shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of discontinuance of agency service by posting at the station.
- (c) Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, applicant, upon not less than ten days' notice to this Commission and to the public, shall file, in duplicate, amendments to its 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 ninety days after the effective date hereof.
- (e) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant 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 25th day of November, 1958.

E. L. Linton
President

John E. Hill

William H. ...

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Commissioners

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