

ORIGINALDecision No. 59256

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority)
 to abandon station buildings and stock)
 corrals at nonagency station of GAZELLE,)
 County of Siskiyou, State of California.)

Application No. 41142

Harold S. Lentz, for applicant.
Edson L. Foulke, Jr., for California Cattlemen's
 Association, Hammon Brothers, and for him-
 self, as protestants.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed May 15, 1959, Southern Pacific Company requests authority to abandon and remove its station building and stock corrals and appurtenances at the nonagency station of Gazelle in Siskiyou County.

Public hearing of the application was held before Examiner John A. Rowe in Weed on October 7, 1959, and the matter was submitted.

According to the uncontradicted testimony, the use of the corrals at Gazelle has been decreasing and sporadic during the last few years. In fact, protestant Foulke has not used this facility for shipping or receiving livestock since 1956. It is no longer feasible to use U.S. Highway 99 for the purpose of herding cattle or sheep and even the crossing thereof constitutes a problem. Also, livestock after being fattened can more feasibly be transported by truck than by train. Applicant now maintains corrals at Grenada, 8.1 miles distant from Gazelle and at Edgewood which is 7.6 miles away by rail.

To restore these corrals to proper operative condition would cost \$2,700 and involve an annual upkeep of \$500. Applicant proposes to rent the land and buildings, including the corrals, to the operator of Pacific Packing Company at Gazelle. This gentleman expects to use the corrals for his own purposes and permit their use by neighboring stockmen for loading and unloading livestock.

Protestant Foulke testified on behalf of the California Cattlemen's Association and on his own behalf as a rancher in the area, as well as for Hammon Brothers. He stated that he had no objection to the removal of the station building but that he did protest the removal of the corral at Gazelle. According to his testimony, however, the removal or reduction of corral facilities at other points such as Dorris had adversely affected the feasibility of using the corrals at Gazelle. He contended that there is still a need for the corral at Gazelle, especially for unloading livestock shipped there for grazing or feeding.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require that Southern Pacific Company maintain its station building and the corrals and appurtenances at Gazelle. It will consequently be authorized to abandon and remove said facilities.

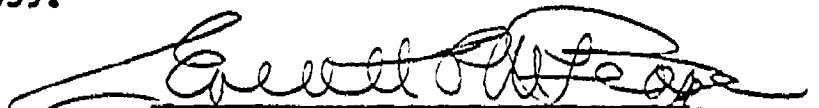
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Application therefor having been filed, public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

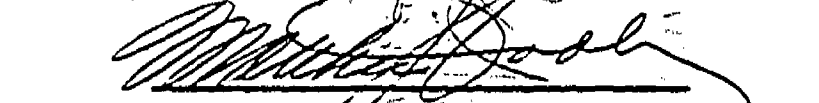
IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to abandon and remove its station building and stock corrals and appurtenances maintained at Gazelle, Siskiyou County, California.

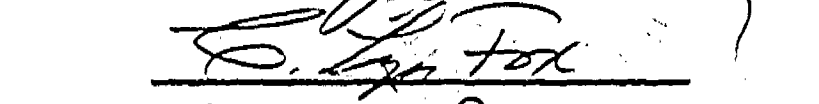
The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

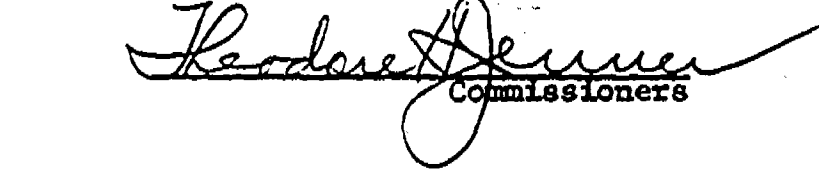
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of November, 1959.



President








Commissioners