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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to discontinue of lessthan-carload service at its station at Tehachapi, County of Kern, State of California.

Application No. 40773

Robert W. Walker and <u>Henry M. Moffatt</u>, for applicant.

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company requests authority to discontinue less-than-carload service at its station at Tehachapi, California.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Thomas E. Daly at Tehachapi on January 5, 1960. No appearance was made in protest to the authority sought.

Applicant proposes to continue handling carload shipments, but asserts that the continuance of less-than-carload service is not economically feasible.

Exhibit A attached to the application indicates that during the twelve months ending September 30, 1958, 73 carload shipments and no less-than-carload shipments were forwarded from Tehachapi. During the same period the exhibit indicates that only 2 carload shipments and 31 less-than-carload shipments were received at said station.

The record indicates that Tehachapi is presently served by Southern Pacific Company, Pacific Motor Trucking Company and by Desert Express, the latter two being highway common carriers.

After consideration the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant's service on less-than-carload shipments at Tebachapi, California.

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Application having been filed and the Commission being informed in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is authorized to discontinue service on less-thancarload shipments at its station at Tehachapi subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall maintain an agency station at Tehachapi.
- (b) Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall post a notice of such discontinuance of service on less-than-carload shipments 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16 th day of flotune , 1960. President צע XX mmissioners