

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 60763

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority)
to abandon stock corrals and corral) Application No. 42340
track at non-agency station of Cordelia,)
County of Solano, State of California.)

Randolph Karr and Harold S. Lentz,
for applicant.
Lewis Mangels, in propria persona and
for Freda Mangels, protestants.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed June 13, 1960, Southern Pacific Company requests an order of the Commission authorizing it to abandon and remove the stock corrals, corral tracks and appurtenances thereto now maintained by it at Cordelia, California.

Public hearing was held in Suisun on August 10, 1960, before Examiner Rowe at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision.

According to the testimony of applicant's witnesses it appears that the Department of Public Works, Highways Division, is constructing an overpass in Cordelia and that one of the piers is to be placed in the middle of the corral, necessitating its removal or relocation at a cost of \$1,790 if relocated; that in any event the corrals are in a bad state of repair and that total rehabilitation costs will amount to \$3,500; that applicant derives no net revenue from transporting cattle to this point and in fact is losing approximately \$21 for each car load of cattle shipped;

and that only fifteen carloads were shipped to this point during 1959, all for the protestants.

Applicant took the position that continuance of this service at Cordelia cannot be justified economically. Protestants took no issue with applicants except to assert that if the corrals at Cordelia are to be removed the rate for transporting cattle should be reduced by the amount it would cost protestants to transport cattle from Suisun, the nearest available corral approximately six miles distant from Cordelia. Applicant, also indicated that cattle could be loaded directly on to protestant's trucks at Cordelia without using a corral.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance at Cordelia of applicant's corrals, corral tracks and appurtenances thereto. It is further found that there is no justification for requiring applicant to reduce its rates and charges for transporting cattle to or from Cordelia, in Solano County, California, and that the expense of relocating, repairing and thereafter maintaining this corral is not justified and that freight service will not be adversely affected to a material extent by the requested removal of facilities.

O R D E R


Application having been filed, public hearing having been held, and based upon the above findings: ✓

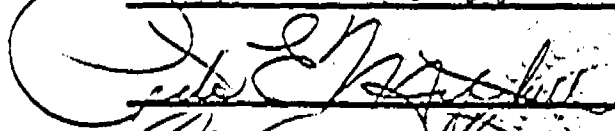
IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to abandon and remove its stock corrals, its corral tracks and appurtenances thereto, heretofore maintained at Cordelia, Solano County, California, subject to the following conditions:


- (a) Applicant shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of discontinuance of corral service by posting notice thereof at the station.
- (b) Appropriate changes to indicate this authorization shall be made in applicant's tariffs and timetables currently in effect upon not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public.
- (c) The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.
- (d) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant shall notify the Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.


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

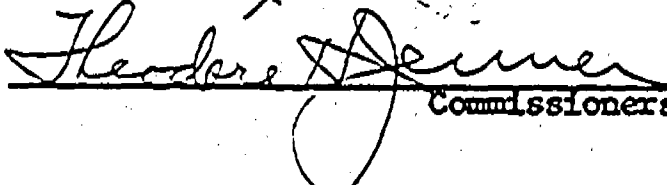
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of SEPTEMBER, 1960.



President








Commissioners