

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 61270

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority
to reclassify its station at Latrobe,
in the County of El Dorado, State of
California, from a Class "A" nonagency
to Class "G" nonagency and to abandon
team track located thereat.

Application No. 42717

Randolph Karr and Harold S. Lentz, for applicant.

Jack R. Winkler, for the County of El Dorado,
protestant.

Edward J. McLane, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By this application, filed September 29, 1960, Southern Pacific Company requests authority to reclassify its station at Latrobe from Class "A" nonagency to Class "G" nonagency and to remove the team track thereat.^{1/}

Public hearing was held in San Francisco on November 22, 1960, before Examiner Rowe. The County of El Dorado appeared in protest only as to the removal of the team track from this Placerville branch line. Evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter, after brief argument, was submitted for decision. There has been no station building or agent at this point for years. Latrobe is a community about 20 miles southwest of Placerville and consists of a small grocery store and some ten residences. Applicant's testimony was persuasive to the effect that none of its railroad facilities at Latrobe have been used by the public during

^{1/} At a Class "A" nonagency, freight is handled in any quantity, carloads or less. At Class "G" nonagencies, there are no operating or freight handling facilities. At the latter stations pickup and delivery is by Pacific Motor Trucking Company, to the extent authorized in applicable tariffs only.

1958, 1959, or during 1960 and that there is no probability of any use thereof in the future. Protestant produced evidence to show that residential and perhaps some light industrial growth could be expected in the general vicinity of Latrobe during the next twenty years. This cannot be considered as conclusive of the need for any station services and especially not for the continuance of the team track in view of the uncontradicted testimony of applicant's witnesses that the use of the team track has ceased due to the increased use of trucks and the disappearance of horse-drawn wagons. According to the evidence it is easier and less expensive when freight is loaded on a truck, for the truck to carry the freight to the consignee's door than to load it on a freight car at a team track with the subsequent reloading on another truck for the final haul to the consignee's door. Larger industries using rail facilities prefer their own spur tracks.

Based upon the evidence of record, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of any railroad service at the applicant's Latrobe station, including the use of its team track in said area. The removal of the team track will result in an annual saving to applicant of approximately \$325.

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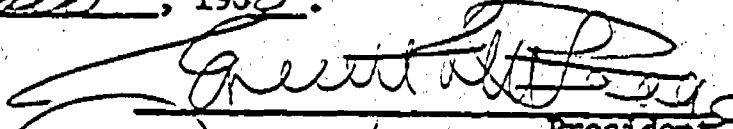
Application therefor having been filed, public hearing having been held and based upon the above findings,


IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to and may reclassify its station at Latrobe, El Dorado County, from a Class "A" nonagency to a Class "G" nonagency and may remove its team track thereat, subject to the following conditions:


- (a) Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, applicant, upon not less than ten days' notice to the 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.
- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant shall remove said team tracks and notify this Commission in writing thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

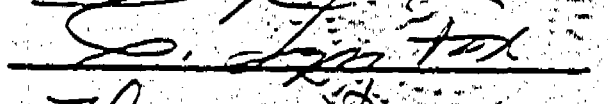
The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

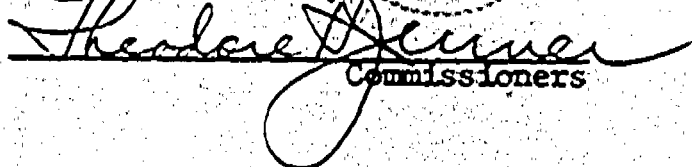
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of December, 1960.


President


Commissioner


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