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Decision No. 65467

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Electric Railway Company for authority to discontinue its agency at Yorba Linda, County of Orange, State of California, and to maintain said station as a Class A non-agency.

Application No. 45108
(Filed January 14, 1963)

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for applicant.
John P. Ukleja, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By this application Pacific Electric Railway Company, applicant, seeks authority to discontinue its agency in Yorba Linda, Orange County, and thereafter maintain said station as a Class A nonagency station. Applicant contends that under present conditions, neither the business handled nor the type of business conducted at said station warrants the continued maintenance of an agency at said station, and that the public can be served adequately from the agency station at La Habra.

A public hearing on the application was held in Anaheim on April 2, 1963, before Examiner Rogers. Notice of the hearing was published and posted as required by this Commission. There were no protests. No notice of intention to close the agency station was posted for the reason given by applicant that it had been informed that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers would protest the discontinuance of the agency.

On the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission finds as follows:

The Yorba Linda station is the eastern terminus of applicant's Yorba Linda Branch, extending from Slauson Junction in Los Angeles County through the cities or communities of Huntington Park, Bell, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Colima, La Habra, and Brea to Yorba Linda. It is 8.4 miles from La Habra, the next agency station west of Yorba Linda, to the latter community.

The station agent is the only employee at Yorba Linda. His hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., five days per week, Monday through Friday. It is estimated by applicant that his total working time does not exceed one hour per day. At La Habra the applicant has an agent and an assistant agent employed at the station from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and a clerk who works from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., or 12 midnight, and on Saturdays.

Applicant will provide Zenith telephone service so that any Yorba Linda area shippers or receivers may contact the La Habra station without charge. No change is contemplated in the method of handling shipments, either carload or less-than-carload, except that clerical work, claims, and billing, and such matters, will be handled by the La Habra personnel. A waybill box will be located at Yorba Linda for the convenience of the parties concerned.

No passengers or passenger tickets are handled at Yorba Linda.

Gross operating revenues from the rail traffic originating or terminating at Yorba Linda during the years 1961 and 1962 were as follows:

	<u>Year 1961</u>		<u>Year 1962</u>	
	<u>Forwarded</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Forwarded</u>	<u>Received</u>
Carload	\$17,250.00	\$2,022.00	\$14,259.00	\$9,047.00
Less-than-carload	<u>3.42</u>	<u>10.30</u>	<u>1.14</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$17,253.42	\$2,032.30	\$14,260.14	\$9,047.00

The volume of business handled at Yorba Linda for the calendar years 1961 and 1962 was as follows:

	<u>Year 1961</u>		<u>Year 1962</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Aver. Per Day</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Aver. Per Day</u>
<u>Carloads</u>				
Forwarded	169	.665	141	.555
Received	28	.110	108	.448

The less-than-carload traffic in these two years was negligible, the total revenue in both years amounting to \$14.86, as aforesaid.

Agency operating expenses at Yorba Linda for the calendar year 1962 were \$7,571.00.

Applicant estimates savings on its basis of a nonagency station at Yorba Linda will total \$7,289.00, as follows:

Gross Savings:

Wages - Agent	\$6,025	
Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Taxes	492	
Health & Welfare Benefits	<u>248</u>	
Total Wages, Taxes, and Health and Welfare Benefits		\$6,765
Automobile Allowance	-	
Telephone	434	
Electricity	203	
Gas	67	
Miscellaneous Station Supplies and Expenses	<u>60</u>	
Total other than Wages, Taxes, and Health & Welfare Benefits		<u>764</u>
Grand Total Gross Savings		7,529
Less: Added Expenses at La Habra		
Automobile Mileage Allowance	140	
Additional telephone expense	100	
Miscellaneous Station Supplies and Expenses	-	
Total Added Expenses	<u>240</u>	
Estimated Net Annual Savings		\$7,289

The Commission having fully considered the evidence finds that adequate and convenient service is available from applicant's facilities at La Habra and that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance by Pacific Electric Railway Company of an agency at Yorba Linda. Applicant will be required to continue the station as a Class A nonagency station at which freight in any quantity, carload or less, will be handled.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

Pacific Electric Railway Company is authorized to discontinue its agency at Yorba Linda, Orange County, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Pacific Electric Railway Company shall maintain the said station as a nonagency station for the receipt or delivery of freight in any quantity, carload or less.
- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of the agency at Yorba Linda, Pacific Electric Railway Company shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station, and, within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, Pacific Electric Railway Company shall file in duplicate amendments to its tariffs showing the change authorized herein and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the changes. In no event shall the agent be removed, pursuant to the authority hereinabove granted, earlier than the effective date of the tariff filings required hereunder.
- (c) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant shall, in writing, notify this 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 28th day of May, 1963.

[Signature] President
[Signature] Acting President
Fredrick B. Hallock
[Signature]

Commissioner George G. Grover, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding. Commissioners

Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.