

ORIGINALDecision No. 67897

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY)
 to reduce its agency station at)
 Thornton in San Joaquin County, to)
 non-agency status.)

Application No. 46731

ORDER

The verified application of The Western Pacific Railroad Company filed on June 16, 1964 requests authority to reduce the station of Thornton in the County of San Joaquin from agency to non-agency status and thereafter to consolidate the agency work at its station in Stockton; the application alleges that the proposed reduction is deemed justified because the nature of the service performed is such that it can be more expeditiously, efficiently and economically handled at the larger, more centralized station of Stockton, County of San Joaquin, and that due to other changes which applicant will put into effect including direct telephone communication to the only shipper at Thornton, service performed will not be different in any material degree from that now being performed at the agency.

Applicant states that no passenger business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending December, 1963 and that 563 carloads originated and 124 carloads terminated of freight business during the same period; that the nearest agency to Thornton is at Stockton, County of San Joaquin, a distance of 21 miles.

Notice of application has been given to various parties thought to be interested and no protests have been received. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

It is found that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance of such service, provided that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities;

that the station will be continued as a non-agency station.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Western Pacific Railroad Company is hereby authorized to discontinue its agency at its station of Thornton in San Joaquin County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Such tariff changes shall quote this decision number as the requisite authority. This order shall not be construed as authorization to increase rates or charges.

(2) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice to the public of said agency abandonment by posting notice at said station.

(3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

(4) This authorization shall expire if not exercised within one year, unless time be extended.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 1964.

Frederick B. Hallock
President
George T. Hoover
William W. Brown
Commissioners