## ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74444

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 agency service at their station at San Juan Capistrano, County of Orange, State of California.

Application No. 50221 (Filed May 8, 1968)

Donald L. Stone, for applicant.

K. A. Vose, for TransportationCommunication Employees Union;
Carl A. and Ynez Y. Romer, and
Natalie T. Mitchell, in propria
personae, protestants.

Mrs. Rose Corrigan, in propria
persona, interested party.

John de Brauwere, for the Commission
staff.

## OPINION

A duly noticed public hearing was held before Examiner Rogers at San Juan Capistrano on June 10, 1968, and the matter was submitted.

The applicant proposes to discontinue agency service at the San Juan Capistrano station on the ground that public convenience and necessity no longer require such service at that point. The applicant agreed that the Spanish type station building would be left in place and maintained by the applicant. It also agreed that if the agency is terminated, each of the three presently scheduled passenger trains in each direction will stop at the station for passengers to board or alight. At present only

southbound passenger trains stop to discharge passengers at the station and only one of the northbound trains stops to pick up passengers for Los Angeles, but not to let passengers from Sam Diego alight. The other two northbound trains do not stop.

There is no telegraph service at the station. Pertinent information relative to the station is as follows (Exhibit "A" attached to application):

(a) Nearest agency station in westward direction: Name: Valencia, California Distance: 14.3 miles

Nearest agency station in eastward direction: Name: Oceanside, California Distance: 28.9 miles

- (b) Number of passenger tickets sold during the last preceding twelve months: 713
- (c) Number of carload and less-than-carload shipments forwarded and received, February, 1967 to January, 1968, inclusive:

	Carl Received	oads Forwarded	Less-than Received	-carload Forwarded
February, 1967 Morch April May June July August September October November December January, 1968	1 3 2 1 1 2 3	10 17 7 1 -	9,055 lbs. 3,945 " 7,558 " 4,792 " 5,875 " 4,666 " 7,928 " 6,677 " 5,133 " 3,864 " 5,375 " 6,346 "	
Totals	16	35	71,214 lbs.	

(d) Principal commodities forwarded and received:

Received	Forwarded		
Furniture Wallboard	Shale		
Machinery			

A petition to have the depot maintained was received as Exhibit No. 1. Mrs. Clark, the person who circulated a portion of the petition, testified that the signers she secured are interested in the train service and keeping the station building in repair. They are not interested in the agency service.

The applicant had checks made on Monday, June 3, and Friday, June 7, 1968, of the work performed by the agent (Exhibit No. 3). The results of this study are summarized in the exhibit as follows:

	June 3	June 7	Totals for both days
City telephone calls	9	5	14
Company telephone calls	1	3	4
Customers, passenger	3	4 ^	7
Customers, express	1	1	2
Customers, freight	1.	0	1

The witness who prepared the exhibit testified that the first business day of each month is the busiest day thereof and the busiest day of each week is Friday. In June, these days were the third and the seventh, respectively.

The applicant's trainmaster stated that the agent will have his choice of several jobs with the applicant at comparable or higher salaries than he now receives.

A witness for the Santa Fe Trails Transportation Company, the subsidiary of applicant which handles the less-than-carload freight to or from the station, testified that pickups and deliveries will be handled the same as they are now handled and there

will be a toll free telephone service available to call an office of the transportation company in Santa Ana for service. The only difference in service will be that nondelivered freight will be returned to Santa Ana and a charge will be made for the second delivery.

The only difference in the handling of carload freight will be that the requests for service will be made by a toll free call to Valencia or Oceanside.

The Commission finds that:

- 1. Public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company of an agency at San Juan Capistrano, County of Orange, State of California.
- 2. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company has agreed to maintain the depot at San Juan Capistrano in repair for the convenience of passengers.
- 3. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company has agreed to reschedule its passenger service so that all passenger trains in each direction stop at San Juan Capistrano for the purpose of picking up and/or discharging passengers.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted subject to the conditions set forth in the following order.

## ORDER

## IT IS ORDERED that:

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is authorized to discontinue its agency at San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, State of California, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall maintain the depot at San Juan Capistrano for the benefit of passengers.
- (b) The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall schedule all passenger trains through San Juan Capistrano so that each such train stops for the purpose of picking up and/or discharging passengers thereat.
- (c) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of the agency at San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, applicant 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, applicant 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. 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.

(d) 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.

Commissioners//

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.