

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 75277

## 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 ser-  
 vice at their station at Holt, County  
 of San Joaquin, State of California.

Application No. 50355  
 (Filed June 26, 1968)

John J. Schimmenti, for applicant.  
Frank M. Adams, for Zukerman-Mandeville; and  
K. A. Vose, for Transportation Communication  
 Employees Union; protestants.  
Kenneth G. Soderland, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By this application, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company requests authority to discontinue its agency service at Holt, San Joaquin County.

A duly noticed public hearing was held before Examiner O'Leary at Holt on November 21, 1968 and the matter was submitted. Evidence in support of the application was presented by seven witnesses for applicant. No witnesses in opposition to the application were presented. Protestants and a member of the Commission's staff participated in the development of the record through cross-examination of applicant's witnesses.

The evidence adduced discloses that the station at Holt is staffed by a single employee who is on duty from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. five days a week. The station is closed one hour a day for lunch.

Under the proposal to close the Holt agency the services presently available through the agent will be available through the

Stockton Agent or personnel located at applicant's Mormon Yard located at Stockton. Toll-free telephone service is presently available between Holt and Stockton since both locales are within the same telephone exchange. The station at Stockton is open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. five days a week and Mormon Yard is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The applicant will furnish a box with a lock where the shippers can place the bills of lading which will be signed by the conductor of the train picking up the freight cars. The shippers' copies will be left in the box for later pickup by them.

The volume of business handled at the Holt station for the years 1966, 1967 and the first six months of 1968 was as follows:

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968*</u>
Carloads:			
Originated	76	98	12
Terminated	0	0	0

\* January through June

Less-than-carload shipments are handled by Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company, a subsidiary of applicant. No change is contemplated in this service. Western Union Express and passenger tickets are not handled at Holt.

Applicant estimates that elimination of the agency will result in annual savings in excess of \$9000.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe of an agency at Holt and concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is authorized to discontinue its agency at Holt, San Joaquin County, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall maintain said station in a nonagency status for the receipt or delivery of freight in any quantity, carloads 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 Holt, San Joaquin County, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe 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, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe 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 4th day of FEBRUARY, 1969.

William J. Sponberg, Jr.  
President  
Augustine  
J. P. Monissey  
John H. [unclear]

Commissioners