Decision No. 83421

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern Pacific Transportation Company for authority to discontinue agency at Monterey, County of Monterey, State of California.

Application No. 54317 (Filed June 14, 1974)

ORDER DENYING PETITION TO MODIFY DECISION NO. 82919

Applicant filed a Petition on June 14, 1974 to express its satisfaction with Decision No. 82919 and to request that it be modified. The requested modifications concern altering a comment in the text of the decision that the Monterey agent will be transferred to Watsonville Junction; it is alleged the transfer will depend upon the applicable labor agreement. It is also requested that statements indicating the Monterey station building will not be sold or dismantled and the Monterey station building will be available if passenger service is resumed in the future should be modified or deleted. The petition further requests that a statement of applicant's counsel quoted in the decision, be modified.

Members of the public made statements during the hearing. Several expressed concern that the station building at Monterey would be torn down or leased. Merchants and others were anticipating that rail passenger service might be extended to Monterey from the Bay Area and the old station could again be used as a passenger terminal. No evidence was received on this issue but public interest was evident and a finding was made there was no evidence the station would be sold or leased. This finding is supported by the record . since applicant's counsel stated applicant does not intend to remove

the station building or to subject it to a long-term lease without first obtaining authority to do so from this Commission.

The record indicates that the Monterey agent will probably be employed at Watsonville unless he is displaced by someone with more seniority. The disposition of the Monterey station was not an issue in this proceeding, but it was mentioned because of public interest. Applicant has obtained the relief requested and does not question the decision's basic findings and conclusions. Under the circumstances, the Petition to Modify should be denied.

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition to Modify Decision No. 82919 is denied.

Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not perticipate in the disposition of this preceding.

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.