Decision No. 18448.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of) the AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS COMPANY) for authority to abandon its agency) at Omira, County of Lassen, State of) California.

Application No. 13548.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application filed by the American Railway Express Company, a corporation, seeking authority to abandon its express agency at Omira, Lassen County.

The petition recites that The Western Pacific Railroad Company has sought authority (Application 13505) to abandon its agency at Omira; that at the present time the express agency is conducted under the so-called joint plan whereby the agent of the railroad company also acts as the agent of the express company; that there was an average of only 31 shipments per month during the year 1926, with average monthly revenue of \$27.29; and that due to the small amount of business handled it has been found impossible to secure an outside agent to continue this business. It is not intended to abandon the services, for applicant will continue to handle shipments tendered to or received from the express messenger on the trains.

In Application 13505 we authorized The Western Pacific Railroad Company to abandon Omira as an agency station, it being of record in that proceeding that the freight and passenger revenue received did not warrant a continuance of the agency facilities.

Under the circumstances we are of the opinion that this is a matter not requiring a public hearing and that the application should be granted. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, American Railway Express Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at Omira, Lassen County, provided that it continue at the same point a prepay non-agency station and accept and deliver express shipments from or to that point when tendered to or received from the express messenger on the trains.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this /a/ day

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