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Decision No. 13326 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Application of the American Railway Express Company for authority to abandon its agency at Waukena, County of Tulare, State of California.

Application No. 14282.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The American Railway Express Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of its agency at station of Waukena, located on the Valley Division of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in Tulare County, State of California.

Applicant alleges that \$172.33 express business was transacted at the agency station of Waukena during the annual period ending November 30, 1927; that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company has advised applicant that they have made the station of Waukena a part time agency and that owing to the small amount of revenue received applicant is unable to secure any one to act as agent for them at this point; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; and that, in the opinion of the applicant, the continued maintenance of the agency at the station of Waukena is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has been con-

sulted in the matter and through its manager, J. J. Deuel, advises it has no objections to offer to granting of this application.

The Commission's file in this case shows that communications were sent to the three most important shippers of express at Waukena regarding this matter and only one reply was received, and that no serious objections are offered to the granting of the application.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to The American Railway Express Company, a corporation, to abandon its agency at the station of Waukena, located on the Valley Division of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in Tulare County, State of California, and to eliminate said agency name from its station records; provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency applicant will continue to serve the public at that point by means of a non-agency station.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of February, 1928.

Leon Whittell

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Commissioners.