

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 19366

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 Barrett, County of Mariposa, State of California.
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BY THE COMMISSION:

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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 Barrett on the line of the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company in Mariposa County, State of California.

Applicant alleges that \$247.17 express business was transacted at the agency station of Barrett during the annual period ending November 30th, 1927; that the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company has applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to close its agency at the station of Barrett and as the agency at this point has been conducted under the so-called Joint Agency plan, whereby the railroad agent also acts as agent for the express company, it becomes necessary for applicant to seek like authority; that the abandonment of said agency at station of Barrett will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; and that, in the opinion of applicant, the continued maintenance of the agency station is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation, through its Manager, J. J. Deuel, advises that it has no representations to make regarding the granting of this application.

Investigation by the Transportation Division of the Engineering Department of the Commission discloses that there are no business houses or industries located at Barrett and no population other than employees of the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company and that all business transacted at that point has been by a few merchants and residents of Coulterville, located 15 miles distant by dirt road and served by the United States mail stage operating between Coulterville and Barrett, one trip daily, except Sunday; and that the closing of the agency by the American Railway Express Company will not seriously discommode patrons served by Barrett Station.

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 station of Barrett, located on the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company, in Mariposa County, State of California, and to eliminate said agency name from its station records; provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency station 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~ February, 1928.

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Commissioners.