

Decision No. 20869

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application
of the RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY for
authority to abandon its agency at
El Prado, County of Fresno, State
of California.

Application No. 15455.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

The Railway Express Agency, a corporation, has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing the abandonment of its agency station of El Prado on the San Joaquin Division of Southern Pacific Company in Fresno County, State of California.

Applicant shows that express business to the amount of \$1,132.21 (gross revenue) was transacted at the agency station of El Prado during the annual period ending January 31st, 1929, and alleges, in effect, that subsequent to being advised by Southern Pacific Company that it had received authority from the Railroad Commission to abandon its El Prado Station, where the station agent has acted as agent for the Express Company, applicant has made an effort, without success, to secure an independent agent; that if application is granted, it will not involve the elimination of service in its entirety, for express shipments moving into or out of that point will be handled, providing they are tendered to or received from the express messenger of the petitioner upon the trains stopping at that point and at the car door, which is the present practice at numerous other non-agency points throughout California; that the abandonment of said agency station will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; and that, in the opinion of applicant, the continued maintenance of the agency station of El Prado is not necessary for business of the applicant or for the public.

Investigation by the Transportation Division of the Commission disclosed that there are no business houses or dwellings and no population located at El Prado, other than employees of the railroad company, and since the Southern California Edison Company has completed all improvements at their plant at Big Creek, there is practically no business originating or destined to El Prado, and no further need for an express agency at that point.

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 Railway Express Agency, a corporation, to abandon its agency station of El Prado, located on the Friant Branch line of San Joaquin Division of the Southern Pacific Company in Fresno 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 16th day of March, 1929.

David B. Smith

W. J. Seaman

Wm. J. Quinn

Leon C. Whitwell

W. J. Quinn

Commissioners.