Decision No. 21947

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY for authority to abandon 1ts Agency at Winchester, County of Riverside, State of California.

Application No. 15973.

Mr. H. J. Healy, for Applicant.
Mr. Albert Ford, Dep. Dist. Attorney, Riverside County, Protestant.
Mr.B. C. Blackmore, Protestant.
Mr. W. R. Greenwood, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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<u>O P I N I O N</u>

In this application Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, requests an order from this Commission granting authority to abandon its agency at Winchester Station, located on the San Jacinto Branch of The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, in Riverside County, California.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Satterwhite at Riverside on October 1, 1929, at which time the matter was taken under advisement.

Applicant showed that a revenue of \$258.00 was received at this station for the year ending August 31, 1929, and stated if and when the agency station of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company at this point was discontinued, as proposed in Application No. 15736, it would be difficult and expensive to secure the services of another agent and that the abandonment of said agency station will not involve the abandonment of all service, as express shipments will still be handled at the car door.

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Mr. H. J. Healey, Route Agent for Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, in charge of this territory, presented a statement showing revenues, expenses and number of shipments for the year ending August 31, 1928. This statement shows revenue of \$258.00 for the year, and 332 shipments, an average of less than one a day and revenue of about 70 cents a day.

The only shipper who opposed the granting of this application was B. C. Blackmore of Blackmore Bros., General Merchandise, who ships cream once a week by express.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company having been granted authority to abandon their agency at Winchester Station by the Commission, Decision No. 21915, it now appears that applicant can not secure the services of another agent for the remuneration paid by Railway Express Agency, Incorporated.

After consideration of the evidence in this proceeding, it is the opinion of the Commission that this application should be granted and an order to this effect will be entered in this proceeding.

<u>order</u>

Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, a corporation, having made application to this Commission for authority to discontinue its agency at Winchester Station, located on the San Jacinto Branch of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in Riverside County, California, a public hearing having been held, the matter being under submission and ready for decision, therefore

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue its agency at Winchester Station, located on the San Jacinto Branch of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in Riverside County, California, provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency applicant will accept and deliver express shipments from and to said station at the car door of trains stopping at said Winchester Station.

Applicant shall notify the public ten (10) days in advance of the closing of said agency by posting notice at said Winchester Station.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this $27^{\frac{14}{2}}$ day of December, 1929.