

Decision No. 24138

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
the SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for
authority to close the agency at Burrell,
County of Fresno, State of California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 17569.

In the Matter of the Application of
the Railway Express Agency, Inc. for
authority to abandon its agency at
Burrell, County of Fresno, State of
California.

Application No. 17628.

Roy G. Hillebrand, for Applicant
Southern Pacific Company.

G. S. Reed, for Applicant Railway
Express Agency, Inc.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In Application No. 17569, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, requests authority to close its agency at Burrell in Fresno County.

In Application No. 17628, Railway Express Agency, Inc., a corporation, requests similar authority, a joint agency for the two companies being maintained at this point.

A public hearing was conducted at Fresno by Examiner Handford, at which hearing the matters were consolidated for hearing and decision and were duly submitted.

Burrell is located on the Riverdale Branch of the Southern Pacific Company 7.2 miles south of Helm and 8.4 miles north of Riverdale, agencies being also maintained at both of these stations. A mixed train service in a westerly direction only,

passes through Burrell at approximately 2:00 P.M. each day. In the event the agency at Burrell is closed applicant proposes to handle L.C.L. shipments in the same manner as such shipments are now handled at many non-agency stations in the State and carload business will be handled through the agency at Helm. It appears that the agent's office at Helm is connected by local telephone service with the community of Burrell and applicant claims business relating to carload shipments can be readily handled by telephone.

Applicant submitted an exhibit showing the amount of business handled at this station during the last two years, a portion of this exhibit being as follows:

	<u>Year Ending</u> <u>May 31, 1930</u>	<u>Year Ending</u> <u>May 31, 1931</u>
<u>FREIGHT FORWARDED AND RECEIVED:</u>		
Carloads - cars	231	94
Carload revenue	\$17,831	\$9,329
Less-than-carload (tons)	241	63
Less-than-carload revenue	\$ 2,214	\$ 653

Passenger business is negligible, but eight passengers producing a revenue of \$4.00 being handled during a 12-month period. Applicant states that the expense of operating this station during the 12-month period ending May 31, 1931, was approximately \$1700., and that the excess station expense over L.C.L. revenue averages about \$87. a month.

Applicant, Railway Express Agency, Inc., stated that it had endeavored to secure some one to handle their business at Burrell in the event the Southern Pacific agency was discontinued, but there was no one available. The amount of business averages one shipment per day and if the agency is closed it proposes to receive shipments at Riverdale and put off express matters at

Burrell at the owner's risk.

No protests against either application were filed at the hearing. After considering the evidence in this matter the Commission is of the opinion that the applications should be granted and an order will be entered accordingly.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled applications, the matters having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company be authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Burrell, Fresno County, on ten (10) days' notice to the public by posting notices in said station and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly; provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Inc., be authorized to abandon its agency at Burrell, Fresno County, on ten (10) days' notice to the public by posting a notice at said station and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly.

Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein and of their compliance with the conditions hereof.

The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of October, 1931.

Leon O'Connell

M. J. Cline

M. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.