

Decision No. 24218.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

<p>In the matter of the application of  the Railway Express Agency, Inc.,  for authority to abandon its agency  at COOPERSTOWN, County of Calaveras,  State of California.</p>
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Application No. 17426.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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**ORIGINAL**

Railway Express Agency, Inc., a corporation on June 3, 1931, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Cooperstown Station on the Sierra Railway in Stanislaus County, State of California.

Applicant alleges that express business to the extent of \$99.18 was transacted during the 12-months' period ending April 30, 1931; that the applicant has been advised that the Sierra Railway Company has petitioned for authority to close its agency and as the agency at this point is at the present time conducted under the so-called joint agency plan whereby the agent of the Railroad Company also acts as the agent of the Express Company in the conduct of its business, applicant deems it necessary to seek like authority since applicant finds, after investigation, no outside party available to handle the agency should the Railway withdraw its agent. Applicant advises that express shipments moving into or out of Cooperstown could be handled, provided they were tendered to or received from the express messenger of petitioner upon trains stopping at that point and at the car door.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Inc., is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at its station of Cooperstown, located on the Sierra Railway, in Stanislaus County, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, provided that said station be continued as an agency station, unless and until Sierra Railway discontinues its agency at said station, and further provided that thereafter such station shall be maintained as a non-agency station.

Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein and of its 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1931.

C. C. Seamy  
Leon Whidell

W. J. Conroy

W. B. Haring

Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.