

Decision No. 24335.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 17757.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

Railway Express Agency, Inc., on October 30, 1931, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Minkler Station on the Valley Division of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in Fresno County, State of California, from approximately December 1st of one year to and including July 31st of the following year.

Applicant alleges that \$108.97 express business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending September 30, 1931; that said agency 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; that as the Railroad Company seeks authority (Application No. 17714) to abandon its agency it becomes necessary to seek like authority, as no local party could be found to handle the express agency; that during said period service would not entirely be abandoned,

as shipments to or from said station will be handled by the express messenger at the car door of trains stopping at said station, and that, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency during the above mentioned period is not necessary for the business of applicant or for the public.

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 the station of Minkler, located on the Valley Division of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in Fresno County, from approximately December 1st of one year to and including July 31st of the following year and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) During the period no agency is maintained at said station express shipments to or from that point will be handled by the express messenger at the car door of trains stopping thereat.
- (2) Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days notice to the public of said station abandonment by posting notices at said station before the beginning of each non-agency period.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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 21st day of December, 1931.

C. J. Sewey
Leon Whitely
W. A. Cunn
M. B. Harris
Fred G. Cleveland
Commissioners.