Decision No. <u>24430</u>

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 Conejo, County of Fresno, State of California.

Application No. 17896.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Railway Express Agency, Inc., on January 8, 1932, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Conejo,Station on The Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe Railway in Fresno County, State of California, during the period from January 1st to July 31st of each year.

Applicant alleges that \$55.40 business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending December 31, 1931; that the nearest agency to the west is at Fresno, a distance of 16.3 miles, and to the east at Layton, a distance of 5.8 miles; that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company no longer maintains an agent at said station during these months and that no outside party is available to act as agent; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station; and that, during the remainder of the year, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency 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 Conejo, in Fresno

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County, during the period from January 1st to July 31st of each year and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly; provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station during said period and applicant shall continue to accept and deliver shipments at the car door of trains stopping at said station.

Applicant shall, each year, notify the public of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein by posting notices in said station for ten (10) days in advance of each closing date and shall notify the Commission of said abandonment and of its compliance with the conditions hereof, within thirty (30) days of the date of closing.

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 <u>25</u> day of January, 1932.

Commissioners.

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