

Decision No. 24787.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application  
of (a) Southern Pacific Company  
for authority to close its agency  
at Hackamore Station, Modoc County,  
State of California, and (b) Railway  
Express Agency, Inc. to abandon its  
agency at said Station.

Application No. 18007.

Roy G. Hillebrand, for applicant Southern  
Pacific Company.  
C. C. Graves, for applicant Railway Express  
Agency, Inc.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., request permission to discontinue their joint agency at Hackamore on Southern Pacific Company's line between Alturas, California, and Klamath Falls, Oregon, and to continue said station as a non-agency station.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Johnson in Alturas on May 12, 1932.

Southern Pacific Company has constructed and is operating a line of railroad between Alturas, Modoc County, and Klamath Falls, Oregon, a distance of approximately ninety-eight (98) miles. Hackamore is located approximately thirty-six miles northwest of Alturas and is the center of a large timber and stock grazing area. At the time this agency was installed it was expected that lumber interests would log the surrounding country and use Hackamore as a shipping point. This lumbering industry, however, has not as

yet started and it appears that there will be no logging operations in this district for some time to come.

There is no population at Hackamore other than a section crew of the railroad and a watchman for the lumbering company.

During the last year a considerable use of Hackamore Station was made by contractors building a highway between Alturas and the Oregon State Line. At the present time these contractors are hauling their supplies from Klamath Falls by truck. Furthermore, it is expected that this work in the vicinity of Hackamore will be completed within the next few months.

The principal carload business offered the railroad at Hackamore consists of carload shipments of live stock. The less-than-carload freight and passenger business at this station is relatively small, as reflected in Exhibit No. 1 entered in this proceeding. The revenue from less-than-carload business for the year ending March 31st, 1932, amounted to \$1,444, whereas the passenger business for the same period resulted in a revenue of \$258.

It is the contention of applicant, Southern Pacific Company, that the amount of business transacted at Hackamore does not justify the retention of an agent at that point. The company proposes to store less-than-carload shipments in the freight house and leave a key at the section house. A railroad telephone is proposed to be provided at the station so that patrons may communicate with the nearest agent. The nearest agencies to Hackamore are Ghent, 15.9 miles west, and Merrill, Oregon, 44.3 miles east.

The representative of the express company testified that if the joint agent is removed there is no other person at Hackamore available to be its representative. The total express revenue for the year ending January 31st, 1932, amounted to approximately \$670, the major portion of which was from the highway contractors.

No one appeared to oppose the granting of this application. It appears after a review of the record that public convenience and necessity does not require the services of an agent at Hackamore at the present time and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are hereby authorized to abandon their joint agency at the station of Hackamore, located on the Alturas-Klamath Falls line in Modoc County, California, and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly, subject however to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicants shall give not less than ten (10) days notice to the public of said agency abandonment by posting notice at said station.
- (2) Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, shall place less-than-carload shipments in freight house, under lock, and appoint a custodian of the key and maintain a notice on the freight house where the key may be obtained.
- (3) Applicant, Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall deliver and/or receive express shipments at car door on trains stopping at said station.
- (4) Applicants 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.

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- (5) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1932.

C. L. J. J. J.  
Leon Whidney  
M. J. J.  
M. B. Harris  
Fred G. Stearns  
(Commissioners)