

Decision No. 24996.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
YOSEMITE VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY  
for permission to close agency station  
at Bagby, California.

Application No. 18224.

In the Matter of the Application of the  
RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., for  
authority to abandon its agency at  
Bagby, County of Mariposa, State of  
California.

Application No. 18272.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

In the above entitled applications Yosemite Valley Railroad Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, seek authority to abandon their joint agency at Bagby, in Mariposa County, State of California.

Applicant, Yosemite Valley Railroad Company, alleges that \$157.75 passenger business and \$607.77 freight business was transacted at said station during the year 1931 and that the station expenses for this period amounted to \$1,178.69. The application shows that the revenue collected by the Railway Express Agency, Inc., during the twelve-month period ending May 31st 1932, on all express shipments forwarded and received at Bagby amounted to \$418.34.

In the past the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company's agent has acted as express agent at this point, on a commission basis. Railway Express Agency, Inc., alleges that in view of the small

amount of remuneration, no outside party is available to handle the agency in case Yosemite Valley Railroad Company should withdraw its agent.

The nearest agency to the east of Bagby is El Portal, located a distance of 30 miles and Merced Falls, to the west 23.5 miles.

The plan of abandonment does not contemplate the removal of any facilities as the station will be continued as a non-agency station.

California Farm Bureau Federation signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of the application.

A representative of the Commission Engineering Department has made an investigation of the matter and his report shows that interested shippers and receivers of freight and express business at Bagby have indicated that they will not oppose the granting of this application. It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Yosemite Valley Railroad Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are hereby authorized to close their joint agency at Bagby, located on the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company's main line in Mariposa County, California, and to change their respective records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Yosemite Valley Railroad Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock and key in the company's warehouse, the key to be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station, a notice of which shall be maintained at warehouse advising shippers where the key may be secured.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said point, provided they are tendered to or received from the express messenger at car door of trains stopping at said station.

- (4) Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (5) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of their compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (6) 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1932.

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