

Decision No. 24997.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of (a) Southern Pacific Company for authority to establish a part time agency at the stations of Zamora and Dunnigan in the County of Yolo, State of California, and (b) Railway Express Agency, Inc. for authority to establish a part time agency at each of said stations.

Application No. 18250.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., a corporation, on June 29th, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to establish a part-time agency in lieu of the present full-time agency at both Zamora and Dunnigan, located on Southern Pacific Company's main line Sacramento Division in the County of Yolo, State of California.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted by the Southern Pacific Company at said stations, respectively, during the two-year period ending March 31st, 1932, as follows:

Items	Zamora		Dunnigan	
	Year Ending March 31st 1931	Year Ending March 31st 1932	Year Ending March 31st 1931	Year Ending March 31st 1932
Passenger Tickets Sold,	52	67	197	168
Number of Less-than-Carload Shipments received,	154	78	656	306
Number of Less-than-Carload Shipments forwarded,	22	17	162	43
Number carload Shipments Received,	39	1	533	27
Number Carload Shipments Forwarded,	231	111	277	129

The express revenue derived during the year ending March

31st, 1932, on all shipments forwarded and received at Zamora amounted to \$165.65, and at Dunnigan to \$458.82. The station agent at each of these points takes care of both the railroad and express business.

Zamora and Dunnigan are both located between the agency station of Yolo on the South and Arbuckle on the North, a distance of 23.6 miles; Zamora being 5.9 miles north of Yolo and Dunnigan 10.3 miles south of Arbuckle.

Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, alleges that under present conditions the revenue derived at said stations does not warrant the continuance and maintenance of a full-time agent at each of said stations and that the business can be adequately handled by the maintenance of an agency at Zamora during the approximate hours of 8:30 A.M. to 12 Noon and at Dunnigan from 1:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. During the time the agent is absent from each of these stations during business hours the Company plans to store less-than-carload shipments in warehouse and provide a telephone, to be located outside of the depot for patrons to communicate with the agent for the purpose of ordering cars, obtaining information, or any other railroad business; the key for said warehouse to be obtainable from a custodian at or near said stations.

Applicant, Railway Express Agency, Inc., proposes to maintain an agent at each of the two stations involved during the same hours as does the railroad. During the period the agent is absent shipments can be tendered or received by express messenger at the car door of trains stopping at said points.

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

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made an investigation of this matter and his report, based on an interview with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates there is no serious objection to the granting of this application. It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are hereby authorized to establish a part-time agency at Zamora and Dunnigan in Yolo County, California. The approximate hours the agencies are to be open each week day are as follows:

Zamora	-	8:30 A.M. to 12 Noon
Dunnigan	-	1:15 P.M. to 5:15-P.M.

The authorization herein granted is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The part-time operation of these agencies shall not result in an increase in fare for Southern Pacific Company passengers boarding train at these points.
- (2) During the absence of agent, less-than-carload freight shipments shall be stored under lock and key in railroad company's warehouse, at each location, and a telephone shall be made available to patrons; the keys to both warehouse and telephone shall be made obtainable from a custodian located at or near said stations, notice of which shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone, advising where key can be secured.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall, during the absence of agent, continue to handle express shipments moving into, or out of, said points, providing they are tendered to or received by an express messenger at car door of train stopping at said points.
- (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 stations.
- (5) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its 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 21st day of July, 1932.

Leon Whitely

M. J. Lee

W. B. Harris

Commissioners.