

Decision No. 25213.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of  
(a) SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for  
an order authorizing it to close  
the agency at Gold Run Station,  
County of Placer, State of Calif-  
ornia, and (b) RAILWAY EXPRESS  
AGENCY, INC. for an order author-  
izing it to abandon its agency at  
said station.

Application No. 18400

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

This is a joint application filed by Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, and Railway Express Agency, Inc., seeking authority to close their joint agency station at Gold Run in Placer County.

Study of Southern Pacific Company's station records shows that \$557.82 local and \$458.38 coupon passenger business was transacted at said station during the year ending July 31, 1932, and that \$1,052.36 less-than-carload and \$5,723.49 carload business was transacted during the same period. The records indicate that ninety per cent of the above-mentioned carload revenue was derived from the transportation of highway materials incidental to highway construction in the vicinity of Gold Run. This highway improvement work also affected the less-than-carload business. The station expense during the same period amounted to \$1,967.15, principally agent's salary.

The revenue of Railway Express Agency, Inc. during the twelve-month period August 1, 1931 to July 31, 1932, for all express

shipments forwarded and received at Gold Run amounted to \$339.29.

In the past, Southern Pacific 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 its business in case Southern Pacific Company should withdraw its agent.

In the application the railroad company alleges that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities and that the station will be continued as a non-agency station. The nearest agency to the north of Gold Run is Towle, located a distance of 4.6 miles, and Colfax to the south, 10.5 miles.

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

Southern Pacific Company has indicated that if the application is granted it plans to care for less-than-carload shipments by storing them in the warehouse under lock and key and the company's telephone, located in the depot, is to be made available to patrons to communicate with the agent at Colfax for the purpose of ordering cars or for any other railroad information.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are hereby authorized to close their joint agency at Gold Run, located on the main line of Southern Pacific Company on its Sacramento Division in Placer 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. The abandonment of this agency shall not result in an increase in fares for Southern Pacific Company passengers boarding trains at this point.
3. Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock and key in the company's warehouse and the company telephone, located at this station, shall be made available to patrons. The key to both warehouse and telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station, notice of which shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone advising shippers where the key may be obtained.
4. The Railway Express Agency, Inc. shall continue to handle express shipments moving in and out of said point, provided they are tendered to, or received by, an express messenger at car door of train stopping at said point.
5. Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting such notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
6. 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.
7. 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1932.

C. L. Leary  
Leon Whisenand  
W. J. Lee  
M. B. Harris  
Fred G. Stewart  
 Commissioners.