

Decision No. 25296.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, (hereinafter called The Atchison Company) and Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, a corporation (hereinafter called the Express Agency), for authority to handle the Applicants' railway and express business at the stations of Oro Grande and Helendale, California, by one agent.

Application No. 18447.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., on October 4, 1932, petitioned the California Railroad Commission for authority to establish a part-time agency in lieu of the present full time agencies at Oro Grande and Helendale, both in San Bernardino County.

Accompanying the application is a statement showing the amount of business transacted by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company at said stations during the twelve month period ending August 31, 1932. This is shown in tabular form below:

<u>I t e m s</u>	<u>Oro Grande</u>	<u>Helendale</u>
Number of tickets sold	24	10
Number of Less-than-carload freight shipments received	13,117 lbs.	37,608 lbs.
Number of Less-than-carload freight shipments forwarded	4,831 "	300 "
Number of carload shipments received	1	0
Number of carload shipments forwarded	16	0

The express revenue derived during the year ending July 31, 1932, at Oro Grande amounted to \$209.41 and at Helendale \$113.70.

The nearest agencies to Oro Grande are Victorville, 5.1 miles west and Helendale, 10.3 miles east. The nearest stations to Helendale are Oro Grande, 10.3 miles west and Hodge, 9.4 miles east.

Applicants allege that under the present conditions the revenue derived at said stations does not warrant the continued maintenance of a full time agent at each of said stations and that the business can be adequately handled by the regular agent at Oro Grande who will be on duty at each station a sufficient length of time during each day to handle the business at both stations.

A member of the Transportation Division of the Commission's Engineering Department has made an investigation in this matter and his report, based on an interview with interested shippers and receivers of freight, shows that there is no objection to 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 The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are hereby authorized to establish part-time agencies at Oro Grande and Helendale, in San Bernardino County, California, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) The part-time operation of these agencies shall not result in an increase in fares for The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's passengers boarding trains at these points.
- (2) During the absence of the agent, less-than-carload shipments shall be stored under lock in the company's warehouse at each location. The keys to the warehouses shall be made obtainable from a custodian located at or near said stations and notices advising where keys may be obtained shall be maintained in a conspicuous place at each warehouse.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall, during the absence of the agent, continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said points, provided they are tendered to or received from the express messenger at car door of trains stopping at said points.

- (4) Applicants shall give at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the establishment of the proposed part-time agencies by posting notices in conspicuous places at each station.
- (5) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the change 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 24th day of October, 1932.

C. J. Severy
Leon Whidby
M. H. Lee
M. B. Harris
Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.