

Decision No. 25322.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
the Railway Express Agency, Inc.,  
for authority to abandon its agency  
at Clements, County of San Joaquin,  
State of California.

Application No. 18473.

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Railway Express Agency, Inc., a corporation, on October 17, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to establish a part-time agency in lieu of its present full-time agency at Clements, which is located on the Southern Pacific Company's Lodi Branch on its Western Division in the County of San Joaquin.

Southern Pacific Company does not perform passenger or express service on its Lodi Branch.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., operates a certificated motor truck route between Lodi and Valley Spring and serves intermediate points.

Applicant reports that the revenue during the 12-months' period ending August 31, 1932, for all express shipments forwarded and received at Clements amounted to \$725.17.

The nearest existing agencies to Clements are Lockeford, 4 miles to the west, and Valley Spring, 20.5 miles to the east.

Southern Pacific Company on October 5, 1932, filed Application No. 18450, seeking authority to establish a part-time agency in lieu of its present full-time agency at Clements. It proposes to maintain the approximate hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Should the application be granted, Railway Express Agency, Inc., asks that

it be granted the same authority.

Applicant alleges that under the present conditions revenue derived at said station does not warrant the continued maintenance of a full-time agent and that the business can be adequately handled by maintaining an agent at Clements during the approximate hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In the past, the Southern Pacific Company's agent has acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis and no outside party is available to handle the agency in view of the small amount of remuneration.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has 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 interviewed representatives of the interested shippers at Clements and they indicated they will not oppose the granting of this application.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Railway Express Agency, Inc., is hereby authorized to establish a part-time agency at Clements in San Joaquin County, California. The approximate hours which the agency is to be open each weekday are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The authorization herein granted is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) During the absence of agent, express shipments shall be stored under lock in railroad company's warehouse. The key shall be made obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station. Notice advising patrons where key can be secured shall be maintained at the warehouse.
- (2) Applicant will post notice in a conspicuous place at said station, advising the public the scheduled time said motor express is due to arrive.
- (3) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the time of the establishment of the part-time agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station.

- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission of its action as herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (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 31st day of October, 1932.

C. J. Tenney  
Leon Whidby  
W. A. Can  
W. B. Harris  
Fred G. Albrecht  
Commissioners.