

Decision No. 25438.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
(a) SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an
order authorizing it to close the
agency at Edom Station, County of
Riverside, State of California, and
(b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC. for
an order authorizing it to abandon
its agency at said station.

Application No. 18367.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., on August 22nd, 1932 applied for authority to close their agencies at Edom Station in Riverside County, California.

A study of the Company's station records shows that \$3.00 passenger business was transacted at said station during the year ending September 30, 1932, that \$21.76 less-than-carload and no carload business was transacted during the same period. The station expense for the same period amounted to \$2,008.71, or \$1,983.95 less than the revenue derived from the sale of passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., reports that the revenue during the 12-month period ending July 31, 1932, for all express shipments forwarded and received at Edom amounted to \$73.72. In the past Southern Pacific Company's agent acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis. Railway Express Agency, Inc. alleges that no outside party is available to handle the agency in view of the small amount of remuneration in case Southern Pacific Company should be permitted to withdraw its agent.

Edom Station serves a poultry and deciduous fruit territory. The nearest existing agencies to Edom Station are Indio, located a distance of 11.9 miles east, and Garnet, located a distance of 10.9 miles west.

The abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; the station will be continued as a non-agency station and, in applicants' opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of the applicants or for the public.

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 has made an investigation and his report shows that the shippers and receivers of freight and express business at Edom indicated they will not oppose the granting of this application. Southern Pacific Company has indicated that if the application is granted it plans to take care of less-than-carload shipments by storing them in the warehouse under lock.

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 agencies at Edom, located on the Southern Pacific Company's main line of its Los Angeles Division in Riverside 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) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock in the company's warehouse, the key to be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where key may be secured shall be maintained at warehouse.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc. shall continue handling express shipments moving into or out of said point, providing they are tendered to or received from express messenger at car door of train stopping at said point.
- (4) Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agencies by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (5) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission 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.

The authorization herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of December, 1952.

C. C. Leary
W. A. Cunn
W. B. Harris
Fred G. Albrecht
Commissioners.