

Decision No. 25439.

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 Lang Station, County of  
Los Angeles, State of California, and  
(B) Railway Express Agency, Inc. for  
an order authorizing it to abandon  
its agency at said Station.

Application No. 18484.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, joined by the Railway Express Agency, Inc., on October 21, 1932, applied for authority to close their joint agency at Lang Station in Los Angeles County, California.

A study of the railroad company's station records shows that \$2.90 passenger business was transacted at said station during the year ending September 30th, 1932; that \$27.00 less-than-carload and no carload business was transacted during the same period. The station expense for the same period amounted to \$1,948.85, which is \$1,918.95 in excess of the gross receipts.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., reports that the revenue derived during the 12-month period ending August 31, 1932, for all express shipments forwarded and received at Lang amounted to \$9.02.

In the past the 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 case the Southern Pacific Company should be permitted to withdraw its agency, in view of the small amount of remuneration.

It is stated in the application that the nearest agency to the east of Lang is Saugus, a distance of 11.8 miles, and Palmdale, to the west 25 miles; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station and that, in applicants' opinion, the continued maintenance of said agency is not necessary for the business of the applicants, or for the public.

The company has indicated that if the application is granted it plans to handle less-than-carload shipments by storing them in the warehouse.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, that it does not object to the abandonment of said agency.

It appears 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 close their joint agency at Lang, located on the Southern Pacific Company's main line in Los Angeles County, and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency shall be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) The abandonment of said station shall not result in an increase in fares for Southern Pacific Company's passengers boarding train at this point.
- (3) Applicants shall notify the public of the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place in said station at least ten (10) days prior to the abandonment of said station.
- (4) Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of Lang, provided they are tendered to or received from express messenger at car door of train stopping at said point.
- (5) 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.

- (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 15th day of December, 1932.

C. C. Leary

M. H. Lee

M. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart  
Commissioners.