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BEFORE THE RAILFOAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., for authority to abandon its agency) Application No. 18544. at Windsor, County of Sonoma, State) of California.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Railway Express Agency, Inc., on November 23, 1932 applied for authority to abandon its agency at Windsor Station on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company's main line in Sonoma County, California.

Applicant alleges that \$549.33 express business was transacted at said agency station during the twelve-month period ending October 31, 1932. On November 18, 1932 the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company changed to a seasonal agency station at this point, as authorized by the Commission's Decision No. 25307 in Application No. 18354, dated October 31, 1932. In the past the agent of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company has acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis and in view of the small amount of remuneration applicant has been unable to secure anyone to act as its agent during the period that the railroad agency is closed. The abandonment of said agency will not involve the entire abandonment of service, as the express shipments moving in and out of this point would be handled by express messenger on train stopping at said point, and, in applicant's opinion, the continued maintenance of the agency is

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not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public.

It is shown that the nearest agency station to the south of Windsor is at Fulton, a distance of 4.4 miles, and to the north is at Healdsburg, a distance of 5.1 miles.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicant Railway Express Agency, Inc. is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at the station of Windsor in the County of Sonoma, State of California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, providing that applicant maintains an agency at said station during the time from approximately September 1st to October 31st of each year subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (2) Upon the seasonal abandonment of said agency applicant shall continue to handle express shipments into or out of said point, providing they are tendered to or received from express messenger at car door of trains stopping at said point.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) 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 <u>Math</u>day of December, 1932.

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Commissioners.