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Decision No. 25466

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
and RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., for
permission to temporarily abandon an
agency at Sloat station in the County
of Plumas, State of California.

Application No. 18565.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., on December 7, 1932, applied for authority to close the agency at Sloat Station on the main line of the Western Division in Plumas County, California.

Applicant, The Western Pacific Railroad Company, alleges that \$421.87 passenger business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending September 30, 1932; that \$870.77 less than carload and \$18,872.76 carload freight business was transacted during the same period; that the nearest agency to the West is at Spring Garden, a distance of 5 miles, and to the East at Blairsden, a distance of 8.8 miles; that interested shippers and receivers of freight have been interviewed by applicant and have expressed their approval of the proposed agency abandonment, provided said agency station be maintained as a non-agency station until sufficient business shall have been developed to justify maintaining an agency at said point, and that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of any facilities.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., reports that the revenue during the twelve months' period ending September 30, 1932, for all express shipments forwarded from and received at Sloat Station amounted to \$811.88. In the past The Western Pacific Railroad Company's agent acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis. Railway Express Agency, Inc., reports that no outside party is available to handle the agency in view of the small amount of remuneration in case The Western Pacific Railroad Company should be permitted to withdraw its agent.

Sloat Station principally serves lumber industries which are closed for the winter.

The California Farm Bureau Federation signified, in writing, that it does not object 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 Western Pacific Railroad Company, joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., is hereby authorized to discontinue the agency at Sloat Station, located on The Western Pacific Railroad Company's main line of its Western Division, in Plumas County, California, and to change the station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) 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.

- (3) Applicants 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.
- (4) 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.
- (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 19th day of December, 1932.

C. L. ...
Leon ...
W. J. ...
M. B. Harris
Fred G. ...
Commissioners.