

Decision No. 25496.

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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 Huron, County of Fresno, State
of California.

Application No. 18543.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Railway Express Agency, Inc., on November 23, 1932, filed the above application with the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon its agency at Huron Station in Fresno County, California.

Applicant alleges that \$76.13 express business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending October 31, 1932. On November 1, 1932, the Southern Pacific Company closed its agency station at Huron, as authorized by the Commission's Decision No. 25266, in Application No. 18320, dated August 5, 1932. In the past the Southern Pacific Company's agent acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis and in view of the small amount of remuneration, applicant is unable to secure a representative to act as its agent. The abandonment of said agency will not involve the entire abandonment of service as the express shipments moving into and out of this point will be handled by conductor of the Southern Pacific Company's local freight trains and, in applicant's opinion, the continued mainte-

nance of the agency is not necessary for the business of applicant or for the public.

Huron is located on the Southern Pacific Company's Coalinga Branch. The nearest existing agencies are located at Westhaven, 6.6 miles east, and Coalinga, 15.7 miles west.

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 abandon its agency at the Station of Huron in Fresno County, California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly; subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice of the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (2) Upon the abandonment of said agency, applicant shall continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said point, provided they are tendered to or received from conductor at car door of local freight 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 27th day of December, 1932.

C. C. Seaver
Thomas C. Williams
W. J. Linn
W. B. Harper
Fred G. Atkinson
Commissioners.