

Decision No. 25423.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
(a) SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for  
authority to establish a part-time  
agency at the Stations of Fair Oaks  
and Mills, in the County of Sacra-  
mento, State of California, and (b)  
RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC. to es-  
tablish a part-time agency at each  
of said Stations.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 18583.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., on December 14, 1932, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to establish a part-time agency in lieu of the present full-time agency at both Fair Oaks and Mills, located on Southern Pacific Company's Sacramento Division, in Sacramento County, California.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted by Southern Pacific Company at said stations, respectively, during the two years' period ending September 30, 1932, to wit:

Items	Fair Oaks		Mills	
	Year Ending September 30th.			
	1931	1932	1931	1932
Passenger tickets sold,	93	89	109	92
Number of Less-than-carload shipments received,	657	569	906	464
Number of Less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	201	177	140	128
Number of Carload shipments received,	47	33	104	161
Number of Carload shipments forwarded,	2464	1097	293	360

The express revenue derived during the year ending November 30, 1932, on all shipments forwarded and received at Fair Oaks amounted to \$1,387.21, and at Mills to \$792.27. The station agent at each of these points takes care of the railroad and express business.

Mills is located on the Placerville Branch and Fair Oaks at the end of the Fair Oaks Branch, both on the Southern Pacific Company's Sacramento Division. The Fair Oaks Branch, 1.9 miles in length, connects with the Placerville Branch at Citrus, 2.8 miles east of Mills. The distance between Fair Oaks and Mills is 4.7 miles. Both Mills and Fair Oaks are located between the agency stations of Sacramento on the west and Folsom on the east, a distance of 24.2 miles, Mills being 12.8 miles east of Sacramento and Fair Oaks 3.6 miles west of Folsom.

Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, alleges that under present conditions revenues derived at said stations do not warrant the continuance and maintenance of a full-time agency at each of said stations and that the business can be adequately handled by maintenance of an agency at Fair Oaks during the approximate hours of 8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and at Mills

from 10:00 A.M. to 12: Noon.

When the agent is absent from each of these stations during business hours the Company plans to store less-than-car-load shipments in warehouse and provide a telephone to be located outside of the depot for patrons to communicate with adjacent agent for the purpose of ordering cars, obtaining information, or any other railroad business, the keys for said warehouse and telephone to be obtainable from a custodian at or near said station.

Applicant, Railway Express Agency, Inc., proposes to maintain an agent at each of the two stations involved during the same hours as does the railroad. When the agent is absent express shipments can be tendered to or received from express messenger at car door of trains stopping at said point.

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 of this matter and his report, based on interviews with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates that there is no serious objection 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 Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are hereby authorized to establish a part-time agency at Fair Oaks and Mills, in Sacramento County, California. The approximate hours the agencies are

to be open each week day shall be as follows:

Fair Oaks:	8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. 1:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Mills:	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

The authorization herein granted is subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) The part-time operation of these agencies shall not result in an increase in fare for Southern Pacific passengers boarding train at these points.
- (2) During the absence of agent, less-than-car-load freight shipments shall be stored under lock in Railroad Company's warehouse at each location and the Company telephone shall be made available to patrons. The keys to both warehouse and telephone shall be made obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station, notice of which shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone box advising where keys can be secured.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc. shall, during the absence of agent, continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said points, provided they are tendered to or received from express messenger at car door of train stopping at said points.
- (4) Applicants shall notify the public of the establishment of the proposed part-time agencies by posting a notice in advance for at least ten (10) days in a conspicuous place at said stations.
- (5) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the change herein authorized and of its 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of December 1932.

Al. Sweeney  
Leon Whiskey  
W. A. Cune  
W. B. Gair  
Fred G. Cleveland  
Commissioners.