

Decision No. 25532.

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 its seasonal agency at Mt.  
Hermon, County of Santa Cruz,  
State of California, and (b)  
RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC. for  
an order authorizing it to abandon  
its agency at said Station.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 18571.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., on December 9, 1932, applied for authority to close their respective seasonal agencies at Mt. Hermon, Santa Cruz County.

Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, states that it maintains an agency at said station from June 15th to August 31st, inclusive, of each year; that under present conditions the business handled at said station does not warrant the maintenance of an agency during this period; that during said period in 1932, 23 less-than-carload shipments and no carload shipments were handled at this station; that 236 passenger tickets were sold; and that if the application is granted, applicant will store less-than-carload shipments under lock in its freight warehouse and make the key available to its patrons.

Applicant, Railway Express Agency, Inc., states that it maintains an agency at said station during the same period; that the agent of Southern Pacific Company acts as its agent; and that no other individual is available to handle the express agency in the event Southern Pacific Company is permitted to withdraw its agent:

Mt. Hermon is located on the College Park and Santa Cruz Branch of Southern Pacific Company and is but .3 mile west of Felton, where an agency is maintained.

California Farm Bureau Federation has stated, in writing, that it has no objection to the granting of this application and it appearing to the Commission that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are hereby authorized to abandon their respective agencies at Mt. Hermon, in Santa Cruz County, and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload shipments under lock in the company's warehouse and the key to said warehouse shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station. A notice stating where said key may be secured shall be maintained at the warehouse.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof.

The authorization herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1933.

C. J. Sawyer  
Leon Wheeler  
M. J. Curran  
W. B. Higgins  
W. H. McArthur  
Commissioners.