

Decision No. 25554.

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 the
agency at Acampo Station, County of
San Joaquin, State of California, and
(b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., for
an order authorizing it to abandon its
agency at said station.

Application No. 18452.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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The Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to close their respective agencies at Acampo, San Joaquin County, California, during the nine-month period beginning November first of each year and ending the following thirty-first day of July.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two-year period ending July 31, 1932. A summary of this statement follows:

I t e m s	Year ending July 31st	
	1931	1932
Passenger tickets sold,	295	179
Number of less-than-carload shipments received,	500	275
Number of less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	104	56
Number of carload shipments received,	237	109*
Number of carload shipments forwarded,	494	285

* 77 of the 109 carloads received were material for highway construction.

Acampo Station serves a deciduous fruit district and has an approximate population of 200 residents. The nearest existing agencies are Lodi, located a distance of 2.9 miles south, and Galt, located a distance of 5.5 miles north.

A study of Southern Pacific Company's station records shows that during the nine-month period, November 1, 1931 to July 31, 1932, \$348 passenger business, \$185 less-than-carload and \$4,559 carload business was transacted at this station. The station expense for this period amounted to \$1,171 or more than twice the amount of revenue derived from the sale of passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments.

The Railway Express Agency, Inc., revenue during the twelve-month period ending August 31, 1932, for all express shipments forwarded and received at Acampo, amounted to \$1,592. In the past Southern Pacific Company's agent has acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis but Railway Express Agency, Inc., alleges that in view of the small amount of remuneration, no outside party is available to handle the agency in case Southern Pacific Company is permitted to withdraw its agent.

A representative of the Commission's Engineering Department made an investigation of this matter and his report, based on an interview with interested shippers and receivers of freight, indicates there is no serious objection from the standpoint of railroad service to the granting of this application.

Southern Pacific Company has indicated that if the application is granted it plans to take care of less-than-carload shipments by storing them in the warehouse under lock and that the company's telephone, located outside of the depot, will be made available to patrons to communicate with adjacent agencies for the purpose of ordering cars or transacting any other railroad business.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are hereby authorized to abandon their respective agencies at Acampo, San Joaquin County, during the period from approximately November 1st of each year to July 31st of the following year and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly, provided said station be continued as an agency station during the period from approximately August 1st to October 31st of each year and as a non-agency station from November 1st to the following 31st day of July of each year. This authority is granted subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicants shall each year notify the public ten (10) days in advance of the closing of said agencies by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said station, and shall also notify this Commission, in writing, that said agencies are to be closed.
- (2) Southern Pacific Company shall store less-than-carload freight shipments under lock in company's warehouse and the railroad telephone, located at said station, shall be made available to its patrons. The keys to both warehouse and telephone shall be obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising shippers where the keys may be secured shall be maintained at both warehouse and telephone.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said point provided they are tendered to or received from an express messenger at car door of trains stopping at said point.
- (4) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission of the abandonment herein authorized and of its 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 16th day
of January, 1933.

D. C. [Signature]

M. A. [Signature]

W. B. [Signature]

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Commissioners.