

Decision No. 25315.

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 Alton, County of Humboldt, State
of California.

Application No. 18691.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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Railway Express Agency, Inc., on February 4, 1933, applied for authority to abandon its agency at Alton Station in Humboldt County, California.

Applicant alleges that \$972.62 express business was transacted at said agency station during the year ending December 31, 1932.

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company closed its agency station at Alton as authorized by the Commission's Decision No. 25315 in Application No. 18353 dated August 19, 1932. In the past the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company's agent has acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis and in view of the small amount of remuneration the applicant is unable to secure a representative to act as its agent.

The abandonment of this agency will not involve the entire abandonment of service as express shipments moving in and out of this point will be handled by express messenger on trains stopping at said point and that in applicant's opinion the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public. Alton is located on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company's main line. The nearest existing agencies are Scotia, 7.1 miles south, and Fortuna, 3.4 miles north.

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 Alton in Humboldt County, California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice of the abandonment of said agency by posting a 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, providing that they are tendered to or received from express messenger at car door of train stopping at said station.
- (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 20th day of February, 1933.

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Leon White
W. A. C.
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Commissioners.