

Decision No. 25872.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application
of the Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
for authority to abandon its agency
at McKittrick, County of Kern, State
of California.

Application No. 18814.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Railway Express Agency, Inc., on April 11, 1933, filed an application with this Commission for authority to abandon its agency at McKittrick Station in Kern County, California.

Applicant alleges that the express business transacted at said agency during the year ended February 28, 1933, amounted to \$323.04.

Southern Pacific Company closed its agency station at McKittrick as authorized by the Commission's Decision No. 25665, in Application No. 18356, dated February 27, 1933. In the past, 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 the applicant herein is unable to secure a representative to act as its agent.

McKittrick, an unincorporated town, is located on the McKittrick Branch of Southern Pacific Company's San Joaquin Division, and is the trading center for a large ranch area devoted to grain and stock business. Said branch line extends from a connection with the main line at Kern Junction west to Olig, a distance of 49.1 miles. The

present normal train service on this branch, between Kern Junction and McKittrick, consists of one freight train operated on Saturday of each week. No passenger train service is operated over said branch.

Buttowitz, located 14.3 miles to the east of McKittrick, is the only agency station on this branch line.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Inc. is hereby authorized to abandon its agency at the Station of McKittrick in Kern County, California, and to change its station records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall give the public notice of the abandonment herein authorized by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said station.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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 24th day of April, 1933.

C. C. Leary

Leon Whitely

W. J. Lee

M. B. Lewis

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Commissioners.