

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 28000.

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
agency at Danville Station, County
of Contra Costa, State of California,
and (b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.
authorizing it to abandon its agency
at said Station.

Application No. 18817.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

This is a joint application filed by the Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., seeking authority to close their joint agency station at Danville, Contra Costa County.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two years ending February 28, 1933, and a summary of this statement is as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year Ending February 28,</u>	
	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>
Passenger tickets sold	-	-
No. Less-than-carload shipments received	1,212	741
No. Less-than-carload shipments forwarded	78	72
No. Carload shipments received	143	65
No. Carload shipments forwarded	84	56

Danville is unincorporated and serves a deciduous fruit, walnut and hay district and is located on the San Ramon Branch of the Southern Pacific Company's Western Division.

The present normal train service on this branch line consists of a mixed train, operated in each direction, on Tuesdays and Fridays between Avon and San Ramon.

The nearest existing agency station to the north of Danville is Walnut Creek, located a distance of 6.6 miles, and Radum to the south, 13 miles.

The revenue to the Railway Express Agency, Inc., during the twelve-month period, March 1, 1932, to February 28, 1933, for all express shipments forwarded and received at Danville amounted to \$864.83. In the past Southern Pacific Company's agent acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis. The Railway Express Agency, Inc., alleges that, in view of the small amount of remuneration, no outside party is available to handle its business in case the Southern Pacific Company should withdraw its agent.

California Farm Bureau Federation has signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application.

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

Southern Pacific Company proposes, if this application is granted, to store less-than-carload shipments in its warehouse under lock, provided a suitable arrangement can be made to secure the service of a custodian of the key. Likewise, the Company's telephone will be made available to patrons for communicating with the agent at Walnut Creek for the purpose of ordering cars or for 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 the Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are

hereby authorized to close their joint agency at Danville, located on the San Ramon Branch of Southern Pacific Company's Western Division in Contra Costa County, California, and to change their respective records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Said agency is to be continued as a non-agency station.
- (2) Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of said agency by posting notice in a conspicuous place in said station.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said point, provided they are delivered to or received from express messenger at car door of train stopping at said point.
- (4) Applicants shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify the Commission of the abandonment herein authorized and of their 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.
- (6) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this matter as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of June, 1933.

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Commissioners.