

Decision No. 28122.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of (a) SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority to establish part-time agencies at the Stations of Rodeo and Pinole, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and (b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., to establish part-time agencies at each of said stations.

Application No. 18896.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, and Railway Express Agency, Inc., on May 17, 1933, applied for authority to establish part-time agencies at the stations of Rodeo and Pinole in the County of Contra Costa, State of California.

Applicants allege that they maintain agencies at said stations during the business hours daily, except Sundays and holidays; that under present conditions the business handled does not warrant the continued maintenance of an agency at each of said stations for the entire day; that the business offered can be handled through the maintenance of an agency at Rodeo during the approximate hours of 7:00 A.M. to 8:45 A.M. and 2:15 P.M. to 4:15 P.M., and at Pinole during the approximate hours of 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., the agent taking an hour off between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.; and that Southern Pacific Company proposes to have its agent, during the hours he is assigned to duty at Pinole, make such trips to Hercules Station, located eight-tenths (0.8) of a mile west of Pinole, as may be necessary to handle the business

offered at that station in order to comply with the terms of the Commission's Decision No. 19906, dated June 20, 1928, granting Southern Pacific Company's Application No. 14741 for authority to close the agency at said Hercules Station.

Southern Pacific Company proposes, if the application is granted, to provide telephone service between the stations of Rodeo, Hercules and Pinole, which service will be made available, without charge, to its patrons in order that they may communicate with the agent concerning railroad business while he is on duty at the respective stations.

The following tabulation, taken from the statements attached to the application, shows the total amount of business transacted at the stations of Rodeo and Pinole during the two-year period ending February 28, 1933.

		: Number	: Number L.C.L.	: Number Carload		
		: Passenger	: Freight Shipments	: Freight Shipments		
		: Tickets	: Received	: Forwarded	: Received	: Forwarded
<u>RODEO:</u>						
Year Ending	2-29-32,	3,771	803	86	109	2
" "	2-28-33,	3,476	346	20	70	-
<u>PINOLE:</u>						
Year Ending	2-29-32,	1,426	307	42	86	11
" "	2-28-33,	1,360	226	41	126	10

The nearest existing agency stations to said stations of Rodeo and Pinole are Oleum 0.9 miles to the east of Rodeo, and Giant 4.1 miles west of Pinole.

A representative of the Commission's Transportation Division made an investigation of this matter and interviewed interested parties at Rodeo and Pinole. His report indicates that there is no serious objection to the granting of this application other than a slight modification of the hours the agent will be on duty at said stations. Southern Pacific Company's

representative signified that he was agreeable to these modifications.

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

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are hereby authorized to establish part-time agencies at the stations of Rodeo and Pinole, on Southern Pacific Company's Western Division, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicants shall maintain an agent at the Station of Rodeo between the approximate hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. and between 2:15 P.M. and 4:00 P.M., and at the Station of Pinole between the approximate hours of 8:15 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., with the agent taking one hour for lunch.
- (2) Applicants shall notify the public by posting notices at said stations for at least ten (10) days prior to the establishment of part-time agencies at said stations.
- (3) Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, shall continue to maintain agency service at the Station of Hercules, as provided for in Commission's Decision No. 19906, dated June 20, 1928, in Application No. 14741.
- (4) Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, shall provide telephone service between the stations of Rodeo, Hercules and Pinole, which service shall be made available to its patrons, without charge, in order that they may communicate with the agent concerning railroad business while he is on duty at the respective stations.
- (5) Applicant, Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall provide for the receipt and delivery of express shipments by the express messenger at the car door of trains stopping at said stations, when the agent is not on duty.
- (6) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission of the establishment of part-time agencies at said stations.

- (7) 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 30th day of June, 1933.

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