

Decision No. 26167.

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 Camarillo
and Somis, in the County of Ventura,
State of California, and (b) RAILWAY
EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., to establish
part-time agencies at each of said
stations.

Application No. 18682.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern Pacific Company joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to establish part-time agencies in lieu of the present full-time agencies at both Camarillo and Somis, located on the main line of Southern Pacific Company's Los Angeles Division, in Ventura County, California.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted by Southern Pacific Company at these stations for the two years ending September 30th, and a summary of this statement is as follows:

| Items | Somis | | Camarillo | |
|--|----------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| | Year Ending September 30th | | | |
| | 1931 | 1932 | 1931 | 1932 |
| Passenger tickets sold, | 136 | 75 | 657 | 357 |
| Number of Less-than-carload shipments received, | 376 | 267 | 320 | 232 |
| Number of Less-than-carload shipments forwarded, | 17 | 17 | 166 | 48 |
| Number of carload shipments received, | 33 | 14 | 77 | 100 |
| Number of carload shipments forwarded, | 83 | 96 | 172 | 366 |

A study of the station records shows that during the year ending September 30, 1932, the expense to maintain both stations amounted to \$3,141., principally the agents' wages, and the revenue derived from passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments received and forwarded amounted to \$3,498.

The express revenue derived during the year ending November 30, 1932, on all shipments received and forwarded at Camarillo amounted to \$1,490., and at Somis during the year ending September 30, 1932, amounted to \$184. The station agent at each of these points takes care of both the railroad and express business.

Both Somis and Camarillo are located between the agency stations of Oxnard on the north and Moorpark on the south, a distance of 19.3 miles, Camarillo being 8.8 miles south of Oxnard and Somis 7.3 miles north of Moorpark.

Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, alleges that under the present conditions the revenue derived from said stations does not warrant the continuance and maintenance of a full-time agent at each of said stations and that the business can be adequately handled by maintenance of an agent at Camarillo from approximately 8:00 A.M. to 10:50 A.M. and 2:10 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and at Somis during the hours 11:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

During the absence of the agent from either of these stations during business hours, Southern Pacific Company proposes to provide a telephone at the stations of Camarillo and Somis for patrons to communicate with the agent for the purpose of ordering cars and obtaining information on other railroad business.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., proposes to maintain an agent at each of the two stations involved during the same

hours as does the railroad.

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

A member of the Transportation Division 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 that there is no serious objection to the granting of this application.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., respectively, are hereby authorized to establish a part-time agency at Somis and Camarillo in Los Angeles County, California. The agencies at each of these points will be open each week day at approximately the following hours:

CAMARILLO

8:00 A.M. to 10:50 A.M.
2:10 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SOMIS

11:00 A.M. to 12 Noon
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The authority herein granted is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The part-time operation of these agencies shall not result in an increase in fares, to Southern Pacific Company's passengers from these points.
- (2) During the absence of the agent at either of the said stations the company telephone shall be made available to patrons when occasions demand during business hours.. The key shall be in the possession of a duly-appointed custodian, provided a suitable arrangement can be made. A notice shall be maintained in a conspicuous place at the telephone advising shippers where the key may be secured.

- (3) Applicants shall notify the public of the establishment of the proposed part-time agency by posting a notice at each station at least ten (10) days in advance of the part-time abandonment of such agencies and thereafter maintain such notice.
- (4) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the change herein authorized and of their compliance with the conditions herein.
- (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, relative to the part-time operation of these agencies, as to it may seem right and proper and revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of July, 1933.

O. C. Leary
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W. H. [unclear]
M. B. [unclear]
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Commissioners.