

Decision No. 28185.

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 Concepcion Station, County
of Santa Barbara, State of California.
and (b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.
authorizing it to abandon its agency
at said station.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 18935.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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This is a joint application filed by Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc. asking for authority to close their joint agency station at Concepcion, Santa Barbara County, California.

Accompanying the application is a comparative statement showing the amount of business transacted at said station during the two years ending April 30, 1933, and a summary of this statement is as follows:

Items	Year Ending April 30	
	1932	1933
Passenger tickets sold,	142	31
Number less-than-carload shipments received,	249	177
Number less-than-carload shipments forwarded,	53	29
Number carload shipments received,	43	19
Number carload shipments forwarded,	4	3

Concepcion is unincorporated, is located on the Southern Pacific Company's main line of its Coast Division between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo and serves a Government lighthouse and a large stock grazing area.

The present normal train service serving Concepcion consists of one passenger train daily in each direction and a local freight train northbound on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

The nearest existing agency station to the north of Concepcion is Surf, located a distance of 22.6 miles, and Caviota to the south, a distance of 14.1 miles.

A study of the station records shows that during the year ending April 30, 1933, the expense of maintaining this station amounted to \$1,565, principally agent's wages, and the revenue derived from passenger tickets and less-than-carload shipments received and forwarded amounted to \$605.

The revenue accruing to Railway Express Agency, Inc. during the twelve months' period ending April 30, 1933, for all express shipments forwarded and received at Concepcion amounted to \$87.80

In the past the agent of Southern Pacific Company has acted as express agent at this point on a commission basis. The company alleges that in view of the small amount of remuneration no outside party is available to handle this business in case 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.

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 a custodian for the key; likewise, the company's telephone will be made available to patrons to communicate with the agents at adjacent stations for the purpose of ordering cars or for other railroad business.

It appearing that a public hearing herein is not necessary

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 close their respective agencies at Concepcion, located on the main line of Southern Pacific Company in Santa Barbara County, and to change their records and tariffs accordingly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Both applicants shall continue to maintain a non-agency station at said point.
- (2) Applicants shall give the public notice of the abandonment of said agency by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said station for at least ten (10) days prior to the date of abandonment.
- (3) Railway Express Agency, Inc. shall continue to handle express shipments to or from said point, provided they are delivered to or received from an express messenger at the car door of trains stopping at said point.
- (4) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of July, 1933.

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