

Decision No. 28314.

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 the agency at Edison Station, County of Kern, State of California, during the approximate period January 1st to September 30th, inclusive, of each year, and (b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., for authority to close its agency at said station during the approximate period January 1st to September 30th, inclusive, of each year.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 18954.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., have applied for authority to close their respective agencies at Edison Station, in Kern County, during the period from approximately January 1st to approximately September 30th of each year.

This station is located 7.2 miles east of Bakersfield and 15.1 miles west of Caliente. Agencies are maintained at both of these adjacent stations.

Applicant Southern Pacific Company alleges that during the 12-month period ending February, 1933, but 9 passenger tickets were sold at this point and that 24 less-than-carload and 70 carload shipments were handled at Edison.

The railroad company proposes that if the application is granted it will arrange to have a representative from its Bakersfield office make such trips to Edison as may be necessary. It also proposes to provide telephone service between said station and the nearest agency station on each side and that this

service shall be made available to patrons without charge.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., alleges that during the above referred to 12-month period 225 express shipments were handled at Edison, producing a revenue of \$348.02; that the agent of Southern Pacific Company at present acts as the agent of the Express Agency and that no other individual is available to handle the express agency in case Southern Pacific Company is permitted to withdraw its agent.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has stated, in writing, that it does not desire to enter any protest against the granting of this application and the Commission is in receipt of a letter from the Edison Land and Water Company, one of the principal shippers using this station, to the effect that it does not object to the granting of this application, provided the part-time daily service mentioned in the application is furnished.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are hereby authorized to close their respective agencies at Edison Station, in Kern County, during the approximate period from January 1st to September 30th of each year and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly. Said authority is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. During the period that no agent is maintained at Edison, said station shall be continued as a non-agency station.
2. Applicant Southern Pacific Company shall provide telephone service whereby its patrons can

communicate with the nearest agency station, without charge, for the transaction of railway business.

3. Applicant Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall continue to receive and deliver express shipments at said station, provided said shipments are delivered to or received from the express messenger on trains stopping at said point.
4. Applicants shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment herein authorized.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29
day of September, 1933.

P. C. Lewis

W. H. King

W. B. Harris

Commissioners.