Decision No. 25461.

BEFORE THE RATIROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of the RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., for authority to abandon its agency at Ben Lomond, County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

Application No. 19130.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Railway Express Agency, Inc., has filed an application to close its agency at Ben Lomond on the Boulder Creek Branch of Southern Pacific Company, Santa Cruz County. It appears that subsequent to the closing of the agency of Southern Pacific Company at this point a local merchant acted as Express Agent and that because of the small amount of revenue involved, said merchant no longer desires to act as applicant's agent. During the year ending September 30, 1933, 933 express shipments were handled at said agency, producing a revenue of \$701. Applicant states that no other person is available to handle this business and that it is necessary to request authority to discontinue the agency at this point. Operation of regular trains has been abandoned on the Boulder Creek Branch but train service is available at Felton, three miles to the southeast by paved highway, and Bailway Express Agency, Inc., maintains an agent at this latter point.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted,

therefore,

IT IS HERESY ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Inc., is hereby authorized to close its agency at Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz County.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>93ml</u> day of October, 1933.

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Commissioners.