

Decision No. 28705.

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
seasonal agency at Aromas Station,
County of Monterey, State of California,
and (b) RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC., for
authority to abandon its seasonal agency
at said Station.

Application No. 19199.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., have applied for authority to abandon their respective seasonal agencies at Aromas Station, in Monterey County, State of California.

Southern Pacific Company at present maintains an agent at this point during the period from May 1st to October 31st of each year and its agent acts as agent for Railway Express Agency, Inc. In its application Southern Pacific Company alleges that but fourteen (14) passenger tickets were sold at said agency station during said six months' period in 1933; that 109 less-than-carload and 24 carload shipments were handled at Aromas during the same period; and that the nearest agency to the east is at Watsonville, a distance of 5.6 miles, and to the west at Sargent, a distance of 7.5 miles. Railway Express Agency, Inc., states that \$334.55 express business was transacted at this station during a comparable six months' period in 1932 and 1933. Applicants allege that the abandonment of said agencies will not involve the abandonment of any facilities; that the station will be continued as a non-agency station; and that the continued maintenance of agencies is not necessary for the business of applicants or for the public.

The California Farm Bureau Federation, on November 28, 1933, signified, in writing, that it does not object 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., are hereby authorized to abandon their respective agencies at Aromas, in Monterey County, and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly; provided that said station be continued as a non-agency station.

Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of the facilities authorized herein and of their compliance with the conditions hereof.

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 3rd day of January, 1934.

C. C. Leary
Leon C. White
W. H. Lee
M. B. Lewis
Matthew Brown
Commissioners.