Decision No. 29757. ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation (hereinefter called Atchison Company) and Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, a corporation (hereinafter called Express Agency) for authority to dispense with the services of caretaker or custodian at the stations of Goffs, Bagdad and Newberry, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California.

Application No. 20929

BY THE COMMISSION:

## ORDER

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, and Railway Express Agency, Inc., on December 21st, 1936, filed a joint application to dispense with the services of a caretaker or custodian at the stations of Goffs, Bagdad and Newberry, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California. Accompanying the application are statements showing the amount of business transacted at each station during the year ending October 31st, 1936, and this is shown in the following tabulation:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Goffs</u>	Bagdad	Newberry
Carloads forwarded Carloads received L.C.L. shipments forwarded	42 8 0	0 6 4	49 0 1
L.C.L. shipments received	31	97	75

The California Farm Bureau Federation, on December 28th, 1936, stated, in writing, that it does not oppose the granting of this application. A petition, protesting the change

at the station of Newberry, was filed with the Commission but a number of the principal shippers at that point have been interviewed by a member of the Commission's Transportation Department and his report shows that their objection was based upon the assumption that the station was to be discontinued as a nonagency station. No protest has been received to the proposed change at the stations of Goffs and Bagdad. It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted; therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc. are hereby authorized to dispense with the services of a caretaker at the stations of Goffs, Bagdad and Newberry, San Bernardino County, subject, however, to the following conditions: The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall continue to provide for storage of less than carload freight shipments under lock in the railroad company's warehouses. The keys to said warehouses shall be placed in the hands of responsible parties at or near each station and shall be made available to patrons whenever occasion demands. A notice shall be maintained in a conspicuous place at each warehouse, advising shippers where the key may be secured. (2) Railway Express Agency, Inc. shall continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said stations, provided they are tendered to or received from the express messenger at the car door of trains stopping at said stations. (3) Provision shall be made by applicants for the use by prospective patrons, for railroad business, of a company telephone, which shall be maintained at each station under lock, the key to which shall likewise be placed in the hands of responsible parties at or near each station. Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to dispensing -2with the services of the caretaker at each of the stations, by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at said stations.

- (5) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the elimination of the services of the caretakers as authorized herein and of the compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (6) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this matter as to it may seem right and proper and to 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 / day of May, 1937.

Commissioners.