

Decision No. 31400

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SEQUOIA AND GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL  
PARKS COMPANY for permission to re-  
strict its operations for the trans-  
portation of express and baggage to  
shipments of 100 pounds or less, be-  
tween points on its line in Califor-  
nia.

Application No. 22274

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant seeks authority to discontinue and abandon the service it now renders for the transportation of shipments of baggage and express weighing more than 100 pounds.<sup>1</sup> It alleges that its operations are seasonal in nature, being conducted during the summer months only; that the transportation of baggage and express is confined mainly to the carrying of small shipments as an accommodation in connection with its passenger service; and that during 1936 and 1937 only one shipment weighing in excess of 100 pounds was tendered for transportation. Applicant asserts that the revenue accruing from shipments of more than 100 pounds is insufficient to warrant the expense of publishing tariffs and maintaining transportation facilities necessary to accommodate such traffic.

This does not appear to be a matter in which a public hearing is necessary. In view of the fact that only one shipment weighing in excess of 100 pounds was offered to applicant during the

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant operates a stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Fresno, Sequoia National Park and General Grant National Park, and between certain intermediate points, under a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 27785 of March 4, 1935, in Application No. 19834.

past two years it seems clear that there is no public demand or need for the service sought to be discontinued. The authority requested will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sequoia and General Grant National Parks Company be and it is hereby authorized to cancel rates, rules and regulations contained in its Local Express Tariff No. 1, C.R.C. No. 1, and supplements thereto, in so far as they pertain to the transportation of shipments of baggage or express weighing more than 100 pounds and, upon such cancellation, to discontinue and abandon all operations for such transportation.

The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1938.

Ray B. Washburn  
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Commissioners