

Decision No. 33010

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,)
(HEREINAFTER CALLED ATCHISON COM-)
PANY) AND RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY,)
INCORPORATED, A CORPORATION (HERE-)
INAFTER CALLED EXPRESS AGENCY) FOR)
AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE THEIR AGENCY)
AT VIDAL, CALIFORNIA, AND TO OPERATE)
THE SAME AS A NON-AGENCY STATION.)

ORIGINAL

Application No. 23280

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of Vidal, Protestants

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Chairman, Order Railway Trainmen - Protestants

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

The above-numbered application, filed on February 10, 1940, is a joint application of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., seeking authority to discontinue their agency at Vidal, California, and to operate the same as a non-agency station.

Public hearing in this matter was held in Needles before Examiner Ager on March 14, 1940, and shortly after concluding the presentation of direct testimony, counsel for applicants requested that a nine months' continuance be granted. This request was made prior to the introduction of any substantial amount of evidence by protestants to refute the claims of applicant that the volume of business was insufficient to justify the continuation of the agency. Subsequently, under date of March 29, 1940, applicants

