

Decision No. 35378

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the Matter of the Application of |) | |
| RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED |) | |
| for authorization to withdraw its col- |) | Application No. 25608 |
| lection and delivery service for the |) | |
| handling of express matter at Loomis, |) | |
| California. |) | |

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, of Delaware, engaged in business as an express corporation as defined by Section 2(k), Public Utilities Act, seeks authority to discontinue the performance of collection and delivery service at Loomis, in Placer County, and to cancel its tariff provisions relating to that service.

At Loomis, which is situated on the westbound rail line of Southern Pacific Company, 25 miles east of Sacramento, the collection and delivery service has been performed by the Southern Pacific agent, who also acts as applicant's agent. It appears that he can no longer conduct the service because the truck used for that purpose is worn out and cannot be replaced; and the rail traffic has increased to such a degree that he can no longer devote the time necessary to the performance of the express collection and delivery service. Applicant's efforts to secure a successor have proved unsuccessful.

The express traffic at Loomis, it appears, is not of

sufficient volume to warrant the continuance of the service. During the year ending February 28, 1943, an average of 341 shipments per month was handled both in and out of this point, of which approximately 40 were collected or delivered. The remaining shipments were received from or consigned to shippers situated beyond the boundaries of the area within which collection and delivery service is accorded. Some four mercantile establishments, who are regular patrons of applicant, have advised the latter, it is alleged, that they have no objection to the withdrawal of the service. All are situated in close proximity to applicant's office at Loomis. In fact, applicant's depot is but two hundred feet from the center of town, and collection and delivery service is not performed at any point distant more than one-eighth mile from the depot.

Under the circumstances it appears that the continuance of this service is no longer required, in the public interest, and that shippers would suffer no undue hardship through its discontinuance. Accordingly, the application will be granted. This is not a matter in which a public hearing appears to be required.

O R D E R

Application having been made as above entitled; and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS ORDERED that applicant Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, of Delaware, an express corporation, be and it

hereby is authorized to discontinue the operation of its collection and delivery service, heretofore and now conducted at Loomis, in Placer County, and to cancel the rates provided for that service.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 25th day of May, 1943.

Francis L. Havenner

Justin P. Coe

Richard L. Lusk

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COMMISSIONERS