

Decision No. 36857

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, )  
for authorization to withdraw its )  
collection and delivery services for )  
the handling of express matter in )  
certain described territories beyond )  
the corporate limits of Bishop, )  
Healdsburg, Madera, Merced, Oroville, )  
Porterville, San Carlos and San )  
Leandro, California, as shown herein. )

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Application No. 25806

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Railway Express Agency seeks authority to discontinue collection and delivery service in areas beyond the corporate limits of Bishop, Madera, Merced, Oroville, Porterville, <sup>1</sup>San Carlos and San Leandro. It asks that this authority be granted by the issuance of an ex parte order.

The application resulted from a state-wide survey of the type of service involved. This survey is said to have disclosed that within the seven areas in issue there is either no patronage of the service or such limited demand therefor that its continuance is not warranted. A verified statement submitted by applicant shows that in the period from January 1 to July 31, 1943, inclusive, no traffic was produced by the areas adjacent to Bishop, Madera and Merced. In the areas contiguous to Oroville, Porterville and San Leandro, where there were 12, 63 and 7 shipments, respectively, during this period, the aggregate weight of all 82 consignments was 2,400 pounds. In these seven months, 500 shipments consisting of

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<sup>1</sup> These areas are described in a statement attached to the application. Initially, similar authority was sought in regard to designated territory then represented as being contiguous to Healdsburg. Applicant subsequently informed the Commission that this territory is within Healdsburg's corporate limits and that the request to discontinue service therein was made inadvertently.

cut flowers originated in territory adjoining San Carlos. All of these were forwarded by one shipper. Their total weight was 10,000 pounds. Only 60 of these shipments were intrastate. They weighed, in the aggregate, 2,300 pounds.

Applicant's patrons have been notified of the proposed withdrawal of service and only the San Carlos shipper objects to this action being taken.

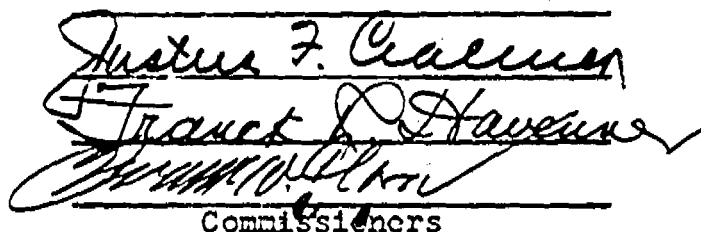
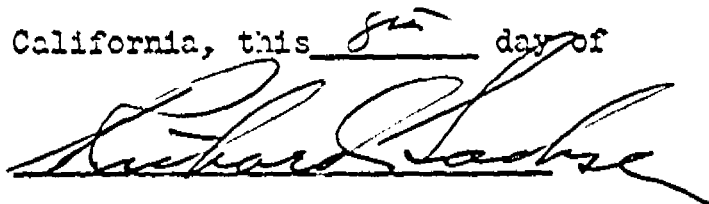
It is clear that, except in the area adjacent to San Carlos, there is not sufficient traffic to warrant the maintenance of collection and delivery service. To this extent, the proposed discontinuance of service has been justified and will be authorized. The showing made with respect to the territory contiguous to San Carlos is not sufficient to justify similar action with respect to that territory. Upon receipt of advice that applicant is ready to proceed to hearing in that phase of the matter a public hearing will be scheduled.

Therefore, good cause appearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue collection and delivery service beyond the corporate limits of Bishop, Madera, Merced, Oroville, Porterville and San Leandro and to cancel its rates for the discontinued service, provided the authority herein granted is exercised within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1944.



Justus F. Calmes  
Francis D. Havens

Commissioners