

Decision No. 40418

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe)
Railway Company, a corporation (here-)
inafter called the Atchison Company),) Application No. 28443
and Railway Express Agency, Inc., a)
corporation (hereinafter called the)
Express Agency), for authority to)
close the station at Earp, California.)

O R D E R

In this application The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., request permission to discontinue agency service at the station of Earp in San Bernardino County.

It appears that this agency was established to take care of the Metropolitan Water District projects in the Parker Dam area, that this work has now been largely completed, and that the Metropolitan Water District, the principal shipper, has withdrawn its objection to closing this agency. A statement attached to the application indicates that during the 12-month period ending February, 1947, 359 passenger tickets were sold, 40 carload shipments forwarded and received, and 2,314 less-than-carload shipments handled by applicant, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. Railway Express Agency, Inc., during this same period handled an average of 149 shipments a month, producing an average revenue of \$247.00. Arrangements have been made under which a trucker will handle less-than-carload shipments between Parker, Arizona, and Earp, California, and provide pickup and delivery service at Earp.

The Commission is in receipt of some protest against the closing of this agency, but investigation develops that public convenience and necessity no longer require maintaining an agent at this point. The application should be granted with certain provisions.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc., are authorized to

discontinue and abandon their joint agency at Earp, California, and to change their station records and tariffs accordingly on ten days' notice to the public and this Commission, providing that applicants shall continue to maintain a non-agency station at this point, and that applicant, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall arrange to handle less-than-carload shipments in and out of Earp by truck. Applicants shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the abandonment of the agency as authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof. 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 effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco California, June 17, 1947.

Harold P. Kule
Justice J. Gallen
David J. Farrell
A. J. [unclear]
Samuel H. Potter
Commissioners