

Decision No. 42285

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the RAILWAY EXPRESS)	
AGENCY, INCORPORATED, for An Order)	
Permitting Waiver of Contract Filings)	Application No. 29849
of Local Drayage Operations Performed)	
by Independent Contractors.)	

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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed November 24, 1948, Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, seeks exemption from the requirements of Decision No. 32377 of September 26, 1939, in Case No. 4403, relative to the filing of pickup and delivery contracts. The sought exemption is limited to contracts in effect only during the month of December.

The verified application shows that applicant specializes in the handling of small shipments; that during the Christmas holiday season it is unable to furnish all of the required service with its own equipment; that during the month of December it employs local draymen to assist in the collection and delivery of Christmas traffic; that, during the 1947 holiday season, 98 such temporary contracts were in effect; and that the average life of these contracts was 15 days. Applicant asserts that the preparation, filing and cancellation of such temporary contracts is a burdensome and unnecessary procedure. It offers, in lieu of these filings, to furnish the Commission a list of contracts negotiated under the sought authority and to advise it when these contracts are cancelled.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the granting of the application is justified in so far as operations during the 1948 holiday season are

concerned. So that this authority may be utilized without delay, the order will be made effective immediately.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, be and it is hereby exempted from the pickup and delivery contract filing requirements of Decision No. 32377 of September 26, 1939, in Case No. 4403, as to temporary contracts of the nature described in the above-entitled application and entered into during the month of December, 1948; and that, on or before January 31, 1949, it shall furnish the Commission (a) a list of said contracts showing the names of the contractors and the points where pickup and delivery service is performed thereunder, and (b) a list showing the cancellation of these contracts.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of December, 1948.

A. J. [Signature]
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Commissioners