

Decision No. 55922**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY and of )  
 RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED, )  
 for authority to discontinue agency ) Application No. 39193  
 at Yountville, County of Napa, State )  
 of California, and to maintain said )  
 station as a nonagency. )

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protestant.Edward G. McLane, for the Commission staff.O P I N I O N

By this application filed July 1, 1957, Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, request an order of this Commission authorizing them to discontinue their agency at Yountville.

Public hearing was held in Yountville on October 22, 1957, before Examiner Rowe at which time evidence, both oral and documentary, was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision.

From the evidence of record, it is found that public convenience and necessity no longer require the service of an agent by either applicant at Yountville. Most of the freight is inbound and ninety per cent moves to the Veterans' Home. Railway Express agreed to pick up and deliver shipments at the Home on an "at shipper's risk" basis. Therefore, the commandant of the Home stated that he saw no need for continuance of the station agency.

Upon full consideration of the facts of record in this proceeding, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the expense of maintenance of the agency by applicants at Yountville is not justified; that freight service will not be materially affected by discontinuance of this station as an agency; and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and the above matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, are hereby authorized to discontinue agency service at Yountville, Napa County, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Southern Pacific Company shall maintain said station in a nonagency status.
- (b) Applicants shall give not less than ten days' notice to the public of discontinuance of agency service by posting notice thereof at the station.
- (c) The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.
- (d) Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicants shall notify this Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

The effective date of this decision shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1957.

*E. P. [Signature]*  
 President

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 Commissioners