

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57564

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED,
a corporation, for authorization to
close one of the express offices
maintained in Los Angeles, California.

Application No. 40439

O P I N I O N

This application, filed September 19, 1958, requests an order authorizing Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, to change the location of its office in the Canoga Park area in the City of Los Angeles to the nearby area of Woodland Hills, also in said City of Los Angeles. It is alleged that Southern Pacific Company is reducing agency service at Canoga Park by removing its agent. Under arrangement with the railroad company applicant has been employing the Southern Pacific Canoga Park agent as its agent in this area. Now that the Southern Pacific agent will no longer be available to applicant for this purpose it proposes to open its own office at the junction of Ventura Boulevard and Topanga Canyon Boulevard in the Woodland Hills community of Los Angeles.

Applicant will provide pickup and delivery service to the area formerly serviced by the Canoga Park agent. There will be no lessening in the quality or extent of service in the City of Los Angeles as a result of the proposed changes. Applicant states that if any change in service should result from the switch of offices, it is its belief that the change will be an improvement of service rather than a lessening of service to the public in this area. The distance between the nearest agency office,

that of Van Nuys, and the Canoga Park office is seven miles. The new office to be established in the Woodland Hills community will be three miles from the Canoga Park office which is sought to be closed. A number of shippers and receivers of express have indicated opposition to the proposed change. However, these objections have now all been withdrawn upon protestants being informed by applicant of the nature of the proposal and that service will be improved rather than curtailed. In justification for the request, applicant states that the proposed change in location has for its purpose a more economical and, at the same time, an improved service.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant to maintain its agency office at its present location in Canoga Park. It further finds that by moving said office to the Woodland Hills area, a general improvement in service to the area of the western portion of the San Fernando Valley will result, and that, consequently, such change is in the best interest of the public and should be authorized. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully advised and of the opinion that the application should be granted without hearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, is authorized to discontinue its agency and its agency office at Canoga Park, provided it concurrently opens and establishes an agency office at

the junction of Ventura Boulevard and Topanga Canyon Boulevard in the Woodland Hills area of the City of Los Angeles, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Applicant shall give not less than ten days' notice of the change of agency offices by publication.
- b. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, applicant, upon not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, shall file, in duplicate, amendments to its tariffs showing the changes herein authorized, and shall make reference in such tariff amendments to this decision as authority therefor.
- c. The authorization herein granted shall expire if not exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.
- d. Within thirty days after effecting the authorized changes, applicant shall notify this Commission in writing thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of November, 1958.

E. Lynn Fox
President

Walter C. Mitchell

James W. Farner

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Commissioners