

Decision No. 57601**ORIGINAL**

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 its express office at Coachella,
California.

Application No. 40132

O P I N I O N

By this application filed May 29, 1958, Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, requests authority to close its express office at Coachella, California, and to discontinue express service at said point upon three days' notice to the public. On February 20, 1958, notice was posted at the Coachella office indicating applicant's intention of closing that office as required by the Commission's General Order No. 36-B. Also, all interested shippers were notified. The local Chamber of Commerce and the City protested this closing and the matter was set for hearing at the request of the latter.

However, upon reconsideration, the City Council decided that it would withdraw its objection and its request for a public hearing.

Both the City and the Chamber of Commerce have now withdrawn their objection. No shipper has indicated any opposition. The merchant agent in Coachella, before March 3, 1958, notified applicant that she wished to relinquish her agency. Efforts to obtain someone else to act as the local agent have been unsuccessful. From the allegations of the verified application and attached exhibits it appears and the Commission finds that Railway Express Agency would suffer an annual loss of approximately \$6,336.70 should

an office and full-time salaried employees be engaged at Coachella. The Commission further finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant to maintain an agent or service at Coachella.

ORDER

Application therefor having been filed and a public hearing appearing to be unnecessary,

IT IS ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, is authorized to discontinue its agency and service at Coachella, Riverside County, California, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof and on not less than three days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station and shall file, in duplicate, amendments to its tariffs showing the changes authorized herein, and shall make reference in such notice and tariff amendments to this decision as authority for the changes.
- b. Within thirty days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant shall notify the Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of November, 1958.

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President

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Commissioners