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Decision No. 72911

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED, for authority to close its office at Summit, San Bernardino County, California, and for related relief.

Application No. 49440 (Filed June 8, 1967)

<u>OPINION</u>

By this application, as amended, Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, seeks authority to close its office at Summit, in San Bernardino County, and to make the increases in rates which will result from said closure.

According to the application, if closure is authorized the waybilling station for shipments originating at or destined to Summit will be San Bernardino (25 miles distant); no service will be rendered at Summit and rates provided from and to that community will be canceled. The carrier presently renders no collection and delivery service at Summit.

The application states that Summit has a population of 15; that it has common carrier truck service and is served by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway; that applicant's agency services have in the past been rendered at Summit by employees of said railroad, and that Santa Fe's agency service at that point was terminated on March 23, 1967.

Applicant has given 30 days' notice to the public of the proposed closing of the Summit agency, as required by the Commission's General Order No. 36-B. No protests have been received. According to the application, only one shipment was handled at applicant's Summit office during the entire year of 1966.

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We find that:

1. Public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance by applicant of agency or other service at, from or to Summit, San Bernardino County.

2. The increases in rates which will result from cancellation of rates now applicable from and to Summit are justified.

We conclude that the application, as amended, should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

<u>O R D E R</u>

IT IS ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, is authorized to discontinue its agency at Summit, San Bernardino County, and to discontinue service from and to that community, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of the agency at Summit and of service there-from and thereto, applicant shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the station and, within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall file in triplicate amendments to its tariffs showing the changes authorized herein and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the changes.

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(b) Within thirty days after the discontinuance of service as herein authorized, applicant shall, in writing, notify this Commission thereof and of compliance with the above conditions.

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

| | Dated at | San Francisco, California, | this |
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| 1500 | day of | AUGUST, 1967. | |

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Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily obsent, did not porticipate in the disposition of this proceeding.