

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 73043

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 49364  
(Filed May 11, 1967)

O P I N I O N

The application requests complete closure of applicant's office at Dorris, Siskiyou County. Applicant proposes to cancel its rates applicable to and from Dorris. Applicant will honor instructions of shippers on waybilling of shipments ultimately destined to residents of the Dorris area. If no instructions are given, the shipments will be waybilled to Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Klamath Falls is about 20 miles from Dorris. The nearest California office of Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, is Weed, 53 miles away. Both distances are via U.S. Highway 95.

Other pertinent allegations may be noted. Traffic consigned to Dorris will be on hand at Klamath Falls. Outbound traffic presumably would be shipped from there. The Dorris traffic consists of general commodities. In the year ended October 1966 the average was about 10 shipments per month. There was no carload traffic. Dorris is presently served by various highway common carriers, Greyhound Lines (which carries express) and by Southern Pacific Company. The population is 973.

One aspect of the application, which at first seemed a hurdle, was the rate question. Since Klamath Falls is in Oregon,

California intrastate rates would apply on shipments between Dorris and California points. If the application were granted it is obvious that interstate rates would apply on those shipments that were tendered at Klamath Falls consigned to California points. For example, the charge on a first class package weighing 46 to 50 pounds from Los Angeles would be \$8.15 to Weed, \$8.35 to Dorris and \$8.50 to Klamath Falls. Shipped from San Francisco, the charges would be \$6.80, \$7.15 and \$7.30 to the same three points.

From the examples given it may be inferred that any increases in cost to Dorris residents will be very small. It is true that Dorris residents will also have a certain added inconvenience and expense in going to Klamath Falls for their parcels. This will be minimized by the fact that Klamath Falls is the commercial center of the area that includes Dorris. Such considerations are insignificant when weighed against requiring applicant to maintain an office to handle 10 shipments per month. The application will be granted.

The Commission finds that:

1. Traffic at Railway Express Agency's office at Dorris, Siskiyou County, California, has amounted to about 10 shipments per month.

2. Public convenience and necessity will, in the future, no longer require the operation of said office.

3. Changes in rates or charges to inhabitants of the area served by the Dorris office and occasioned by the closing of such office will not be unreasonable.

4. Requiring Railway Express Agency to maintain its Dorris office for such a limited patronage as has been forthcoming in the recent past would constitute an unreasonable burden on intrastate commerce.

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5. In the absence of protest, a public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as provided by the following order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to discontinue its office and services at Dorris, Siskiyou County, California.

2. Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order and not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of its office and services at Dorris, Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall post a notice of such discontinuance at such office and within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, Railway Express Agency, Inc., shall file in triplicate amendments to its tariffs showing the change authorized herein and shall make reference in such notice and tariffs to this decision as authority for the changes. In no event shall the office be closed and the services discontinued, pursuant to the authority hereinabove granted, earlier than the effective date of the tariff filings required hereunder.

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3. Within thirty days after 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1967.

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