



CITY OF
REXBURG
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WHEREAS, the Railway Express has enjoyed, for many years, an exclusive franchise in the City of Rexburg, and an absolute monopoly in the State of Idaho for the operation of its express and other business, and

WHEREAS, by reason of such exclusive franchise and monopoly competitive businesses have not been established, and

WHEREAS, said Railway Express is now desirous of reducing its service from five days a week to three days a week from Idaho Falls north to Victor, and

WHEREAS, a reduction of such service is a serious violation of its contract with the people who relied upon the continued and improved service of the Railway Express in return for such exclusive franchise and monopoly, and

WHEREAS, such a reduction in service will be a detriment to the City of Rexburg and the people in the entire Upper Snake River Valley; that in the event such a reduction in service is granted it will be a step backward in the progress of civilization, opportunity and fair dealing, and

WHEREAS, said Railway Express should be encouraged to advertise and improve its service and be instrumental in developing the communities it serves rather than reduce its service and violate the trust and confidence of the people who gave the Railway Express such exclusive rights and privileges, and

WHEREAS, such a reduction in service would be a betrayal of public trust which said company assumed to protect when it fought for and passed laws to create a monopoly for its own business, and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission should make an appraisal of the entire Idaho operation of said company to determine if such company's entire service is profitable rather than taking a few small communities as an example, and if such an appraisal shows that the entire state operation is not profitable then the company should be permitted to raise its rates so that it can continue to serve the people of the state as it has done.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City of Rexburg go on record as being unalterably opposed to the granting of the application of the Railway Express for a reduction of its service from five days a week to three days a week from Idaho Falls north to Victor.

That the reasons for such action are that to grant said application would be a detriment to the progress of the Upper Snake River Valley, and especially to the City of Rexburg, Idaho, and would be a step backward instead of forward, and would be a