

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 13210.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation )  
 on the Commission's own motion into )  
 the rates, fares and classifications )  
 of A. B. WATSON, operating automobile )  
 stage service as a common carrier of )  
 passengers in the counties of Los )  
 Angeles and Orange; such operation )  
 conducted under the fictitious name )  
 of CROWN STAGE COMPANY. )

Case No. 1498.

Clyde Bishop for A. B. Watson, Respondent.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is a proceeding instituted by the Railroad Commission on its own initiative to investigate the rates, fares and classifications of A. B. Watson, operating automobile stage service as a common carrier in the counties of Los Angeles and Orange, such operation being conducted under the fictitious name and style of Crown Stages or Crown Stage Company. In order to show cause why the Commission should not establish just and reasonable fares, rates and classifications after its investigation was duly served upon respondent, A. B. Watson.

Respondent, A. B. Watson, duly appeared at the public hearing on the order to show cause and the investigation on the Commission's motion was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

From the record in this proceeding it appears that the investigation covered a period during which the accounts and records of respondent were not being kept in accordance with the classification of accounts which since the submission of this matter has been prescribed by the Railroad Commission for this class of transportation companies; that information as to the true status of respondent's accounts is not readily available for the period preceding the investigation; and that respondent has recently, and with the approval of this Commission, leased a considerable portion of his operative rights and property.

In view of the above facts we are of the opinion that the matter should be dismissed.

O R D E R

The Commission having herein instituted this proceeding on its own motion and ordered an investigation into the rates, fares, and classifications of A.B. Watson, operating automobile service as a common carrier in the counties of Los Angeles and Orange under the fictitious name of Crown Stages, an order to show cause having been duly served on said Watson and he having appeared in answer to such order at a public hearing at which evidence and exhibits were received, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised and of the opinion that the matter should be dismissed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be and the same hereby is dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1924.

*C. Seamy*  
*H. A. Brundage*  
*J. W. Martin*  
*George Shore*  
*J. H. Lister*  
Commissioners