

Decision No. 13475

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
A. B. WATSON and J. C. BEST for an
order granting permission to exchange
certain automobile stage franchise
rights.

ORIGINAL
: Application No. 9904
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BY THE COMMISSION,

O R D E R

This is an application by A. B. Watson, operating under the fictitious name of Crown Stage Company in accordance with tariffs on file with the Railroad Commission, to sell and transfer to J. C. Best an operating right authorizing the operation of an auto stage line for the transportation of passengers, freight and express between Santa Ana and Laguna Beach and intermediate points granted by this Commission in its Decision and Order in Application No. 4089. The nominal sum of \$1.00 is named as the price to be paid for the operating right involved.

J. C. Best also applies for authority to sell and transfer to A. B. Watson, operating under the fictitious name of Crown Stage Company, for the nominal sum of \$1.00, the right authorizing the operation of an auto stage line between Riverside and Santa Ana and intermediate points, said operation being conducted by Best under the fictitious name of Riverside and Santa Ana Stage Line. Best obtained this right by purchase from R. B. Cregar, the transfer having been approved by the Commission in its Opinion and Order in Application No. 5251.

We believe that it is to the best interests of the traveling public that the transfers asked for in this application (practically an exchange of certificates) should be granted. The effect will be to enable Best to concentrate his stage line activities in the territory south of Santa Ana thus resulting in more satisfactory operation. He now is operating a stage line between Serra and Santa Ana through Capistrano and Irvine, and between Santa Ana and Orange County Park. Transfer to the Crown Company of the Riverside-Santa Ana run will, because of the present operations of the Crown Company, result in improved service. With the exchange of operating certificates the applicants will also transfer depot rights, leases and facilities in accordance with their joint application.

In our opinion this is not a matter requiring a public hearing, inasmuch as the order asked for involves no new operating rights.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be, and the same hereby is granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant, J. C. Best, shall immediately cancel tariff of rates and time schedules filed with the Commission under the name of Riverside and Santa Ana Stage Line and covering service under certificate herein authorized transferred.
2. Applicant, A. B. Watson, shall immediately file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules, or adopt as his own the tariff of rates and time schedules as filed by J. C. Best under the name of Riverside and Santa Ana Stage Line and covering said service. All tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those as filed by applicant Best covering said service.
3. Applicant, A. B. Watson shall immediately cancel tariff of rates and time schedules filed with the Commission under the name of Crown Stage Company, Santa Ana-Laguna Beach Division and covering service under certificate herein authorized transferred.

4. Applicant, J. C. Best, shall immediately file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules or adopt as his own the tariff of rates and time schedules as filed by applicant A. B. Watson covering said Santa-Ana-Laguna Beach Division service. All tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those as filed by applicant Watson for said service.

5. The rights and privileges herein authorized transferred may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.

6. No vehicle may be operated by J. C. Best or A. B. Watson unless such vehicle is owned by said J. C. Best or A. B. Watson or is leased under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day
of April, 1924.

C. S. Lewis

H. B. B. B. B. B.

Dwight Martin

J. M. B. B. B.
Commissioners