

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 14694

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
MOTOR TRANSIT COMPANY for an order)	
authorizing it to lease and of)	
CHAS. E. SANSOME authorizing him to)	APPLICATION NO.10844
exercise certain automobile stage)	
line operating rights between Taft)	
and Maricopa, California.)	

BY THE COMMISSION -

O R D E R

Motor Transit Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to lease to Charles E. Sansome an automobile stage line operating right for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Maricopa and Taft, serving as an intermediate point the community at Standard. Charles E. Sansome has applied for authority to lease and hereafter operate such auto stage line, all in accordance with the terms of a lease as attached to and made a part of the application herein.

The operating right herein sought to be leased was acquired by applicant, Motor Transit Company, by transfer from C. T. Cooley, approval of said transfer having been granted by this Commission in its Decision No.12750, dated October 25, 1923, on Application No.9152. The order of the Commission in Decision No.12750 prohibited Motor Transit Company from merging its operations between Taft and Maricopa with the operation of any other Motor Transit Company line, compelling thereby its maintenance as a purely local service. The territory was already being served by Charles E. Sansome, applicant herein. Motor Transit

Company has found the operation of the Taft-Maricopa line a burdensome and unprofitable one mainly because of failure of road construction plans and lack of sufficient traffic to maintain two competing services between Taft and Maricopa, and this situation is expected to continue until such time as the Taft-Maricopa cut-off is completed, probably a year hence. The cut-off will provide a route of much shorter mileage between Taft, Maricopa and Los Angeles, via the Ridge route.

Motor Transit Company proposes to lease the Taft-Maricopa operating right obtained from Cooley to Sansome for a period of one year. The lease is not to become effective until approved by this Commission. During the term of the lease Sansome has agreed to operate under Motor Transit Company's tariffs, rules and regulations and time schedules. This agreement insures that the traveling public will not be inconvenienced by the operation of the lease arrangement.

We are of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted.

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

- 1- That Motor Transit Company shall immediately cancel its rates and time schedules covering service on its Taft-Maricopa line as operated under the certificate obtained from C.T.Cooley, and Charles E.Sansome shall immediately adopt such rates and time schedules, said cancellation and adoption to be in accordance with General Order No.51 of the Railroad Commission.
- 2- The rights and privileges herein authorized to be leased shall not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment ahas first been secured.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of March, 1925.

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