

Decision No. 16417

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 L. F. THOMPSON to sell, and COAST )  
 LINE STAGES, Inc. to purchase an )  
 Automobile (Passenger and Freight )  
 Line) operated between Fort Bragg, )  
 California, and Union Landing, )  
 California. )

Application No. 12693

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

L. F. Thompson has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order approving the sale and transfer by him to Coast Line Stages, Inc., of an operating right for an automobile service for the transportation of passengers and freight between Fort Bragg and Union Landing and intermediate points, and Coast Line Stages, Inc., has applied for authority to purchase and acquire said operating right, to merge and consolidate said operating right with a right now owned by Coast Line Stages, Inc., and to hereafter operate under said consolidated right, the sale and transfer to be in accordance with an agreement of sale marked Exhibit "A", which exhibit is attached to the application herein and made a part thereof.

The consideration to be paid for the property herein proposed to be transferred is given as \$3250, of which sum \$2250 is named as the value of certain equipment and \$1000 the value of the operating right.

The operating right herein proposed to be transferred was established by E.T. Stoddard, who operated between Fort Bragg and Westport prior to May 1, 1917, as shown by tariffs filed by him with the Railroad Commission in compliance with the Commission's General Order No. 47. On May 31, 1922, the Railroad Commission, in Decision No. 10524, issued on Application No. 7644, authorized

Stoddard to extend his service to Union Landing, the extension to be operated from May 1st to November 1st of each year. In Decision No. 14082, dated September 20, 1924, the Commission authorized Stoddard to transfer his operating right to L.F. Thompson, one of the applicants herein.

Coast Line Stages, Inc., operates between Fort Bragg and Cazadero, Fort Bragg and Duncan Mills and Fort Bragg and Rockport, under operating rights granted by the Railroad Commission. When Coast Line Stages, Inc., obtained the right to operate between Fort Bragg and Rockport, the order of the Commission prohibited the giving of service between Fort Bragg and Union Landing and intermediate points, Thompson, applicant herein, having the right to serve the territory. The effect of the instant application, if granted, will be the elimination of not only a competitor but the removal of the restrictions heretofore placed on the operations of Coast Line Stages, Inc., because of the existence of said competitor. The transfer and consolidation herein proposed should, therefore, make for better and more efficient service.

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

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

1- The consideration to be paid for the property herein authorized to be transferred shall never be urged before this Commission or any other rate fixing body as a measure of value of said property for rate fixing, or any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

2- Applicant L. F. Thompson shall immediately withdraw tariff of rates and time schedules on file with the Commission covering service, certificate for which is herein authorized to be transferred. Such withdrawal to be in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 51.

3- Applicant Coast Line Stages, Inc., shall immediately file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules covering service between the points now being served by L.F. Thompson, said tariffs and time schedules shall be identical with those filed by L.F. Thompson, or rates and schedules that, in form and substance, are satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

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

5- No vehicle may be operated by applicant Coast Line Stages, Inc., unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1926.

H. B. Brundage

C. L. Seavey

Edmund Beards

Leon Whitell

COMMISSIONERS.