## Decision No. 17173

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of W. B. GELATT to sell and transfer, and SIERRA NEVADA STACES, a corporation, to purchase and acquire a part of the Franchise granted by the Railroad Commission of the State of California to W. B. Gelatt, permitting the carrying of passengers and express during the Summer Season between Donner Lake Camp and Truckee, California.

Application No. 13041.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION LND ORDER

W. B. Celatt has petitioned the Railread Commission for an order approving the sale and transfer by him to Sierra Nevada Stages. a corporation, of an operating right for the transportation of passen-. gers, freight and baggage between Truckee and Donner Lake and Sierra Nevada Stages, a corporation, has applied for authority to purchase and acquire said operating right, to consolidate same with the right it now holds between Sacramento and a point on the California-Nevada state line on the road to Reno. Nevada, and to hereafter operate under the consolidated rights, the sale and transfer to be in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Sierra Nevada Stages, at a meeting held on June 30, 1926, a copy of which resolution 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 the nominal sum of \$1.00, no equipment being involved.

The operating right herein proposed to be transferred was granted to W. B. Gelatt by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 6249, dated April 11, 1919, and issued on Application No. 4491.

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No limitation was placed on the time during which service under said operating right was to be performed. Subsequently, as the records of the Commission show, Gelatt was informally advised that he could discontinue service at the end of the resort season. In connection with the instant application applicant Sierra Nevada Stages, a corporation. asks that it be given authority to operate between Donner Lake and Truckee during the winter sports season, or during part of the period covered by the original certificate, in other words, to restore part of the service Gelatt was informally advised he could discontinue. We know of no reason why the requested winter sports season service should not be put into effect, and in approving the transfer of the Gelatt operating right to Sierra Nevada Stages, a corporation, the Commission does so with that thought in mind.

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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 Gelatt 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. Sierra Nevada Stages, a corporation, shall, 5 days prior to the beginning of each Winter Sport season at Truckee, file, in duplicate, time schedule showing service proposed to be given between Truckee and Donner Lake during Winter Sport season.

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,

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assignment or discontinuance has first been secured.

5. No vehicle may be operated by applicant Sierra Nevada Stages 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 <u>31<sup>nd</sup></u> day of <u>1926</u>. <u>Manualife</u> <u>Colored</u>

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