

Decision No. 19183**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of an Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the practices and operations of O. P. HAZARD, operator of a public utility automotive service for the transportation of persons and property between Santa Maria and Taft and intermediate points.

Case No. 2431

In the Matter of the Application of O.P. HAZARD to sell, and PAUL DERKUM and CHAS. E. SANSOME to purchase an automobile line (passenger and express), operating between Santa Maria, California, and Taft, California.

Application
No. 14206

Paul Derkum for Applicants,
Derkum and Sansome.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

In Case No. 2431, the Commission, on its own motion, instituted an investigation regarding the practices and operations of O.P. Hazard, operating a public utility auto stage service for the transportation of persons and property between Santa Maria and Taft and intermediate points, and in connection with such investigation ordered said O.P. Hazard to appear on November 10th and December 15, 1927, before Examiner Handford at the Court House at Bakersfield to show cause why any or all operative rights possessed by said Hazard under the authority of this Commission's Decision No. 12567, or otherwise, should not be revoked or annulled by this Commission because of abandonment of service. Due service of the order to show cause was regularly made by registered mail.

In Application No. 14206, O.P. Hazard has petitioned for authority to sell to, and Paul Derkum and Chas. E. Sansome, as co-partners, for authority to purchase and hereafter operate the stage line between Santa Maria and Taft as same was authorized by this Commission's Decision No. 12567 on Application No. 9028, decided September 4, 1923.

Public hearings on the above entitled matters were conducted by Examiner Handford at Bakersfield, the matters were consolidated for the purpose of receiving evidence and for decision, and were duly submitted.

The operative rights under investigation herein are those heretofore granted to O.P.Hazard by Decision No.12567 on Application No.9028, as decided September 4, 1923, authorizing the operation of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Santa Maria and Taft and the intermediate points of Suey Ranch, Alamo, Permase, Spanish Ranch, Caliente Ranch, Cuyama and Maricopa.

The records of the Commission show that advices had been received that operation of the line had been discontinued and letters of inquiry addressed to the respondent at his last known address at Arroyo Grande were returned by the postal authorities endorsed "unclaimed."

Respondent did not appear at the hearing, having previously advised the Commission, by letter under date December 10, 1927, that operation had been suspended without permission having been requested or obtained, and that it was his desire to be excused from further operation of the line.

Respondent having admitted that operation of the stage line had been discontinued without authority having been obtained from the Commission, such authority being required under the provisions of the order granting the certificate, the order herein will provide for the revocation of the certificate heretofore granted.

In view of the fact that the operative rights of O.P.Hazard have not been validated by continuous and regular operation in accordance with the provisions of this Commission's Order as contained in Decision No.12567 on Application No.9028, as decided September 4, 1923, and that service therein authorized has been discontinued without permission having been secured from this Commission, and that such operative rights are revoked by the

accompanying order, the application to transfer same to the co-partnership of Paul Derkum and Chas. E. Sansome will be denied.

O R D E R

Public hearings having been held on the above entitled matters, which were duly submitted; and the Commission being now fully advised.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation by respondent O.P. Hazard of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Santa Maria and Taft and the intermediate points of Suey Ranch, Alamo, Permasse, Spanish Ranch, Caliente Ranch, Cuyama and Maricopa, as granted on September 4, 1923, by this Commission's Decision No. 12567 on Application No. 9028 be and the same hereby is revoked and annulled and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Application No. 14206 be and the same hereby is denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of December, 1927.

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COMMISSIONERS.