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Decision No. 23073

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 VALLEY MOTOR LINES, INC., for authority
 to purchase and acquire the right of
 B. O. THOMAS to operate an auto truck
 line for the transportation of property,
 for compensation, and as a common carrier,
 between Stockton and Merced, California,
 and intermediate points, together with
 certain operative property and assets; and
 of said B.O.Thomas to sell and transfer
 said property to Valley Motor Lines, Inc.

) Application
 No.16957

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

B. O. Thomas has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order approving the sale and transfer by him to Valley Motor Lines, Inc. of operating rights for an automotive service for the transportation of property between Stockton and Merced and intermediate points, and Valley Motor Lines, Inc., has petitioned for authority to purchase and acquire said operating rights and to hereafter operate thereunder.

The operating rights herein proposed to be transferred were originally established by Railroad Commission Decision No.5249, dated March 29, 1918, by which the Commission granted to H.W.Spurr, C. P. Stanbrough and A. A. Jordan, co-partners, a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automotive common carrier freight service between Stockton and Fresno and intermediate points. By Decision No.6026, dated December 26, 1918, and issued on Application No.4267, the right granted by Decision No.5249 was transferred to Stockton Fresno Motor Freight Co., a corporation, now known as The White Lines, the corporate name having been changed. The operation between Turlock and Fresno was later abandoned. By Decision No.17374, dated September 21, 1926, and issued on Application No.12650, The White Lines was authorized to extend its service from Turlock to Merced, serving intermediates. Applicant Thomas acquired the right by Decision No.21874, dated December 6, 1929,

and issued on Application No.16112.

The physical properties to be transferred include five Mack trucks, one Ford truck, nine trailers and miscellaneous items including furniture and fixtures, garage equipment, etc., all as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached. The total assets and liabilities, as of September 30, 1930, are reported as follows:

ASSETS AND DEBIT BALANCES

Current assets:		
Cash on hand and in bank.....	\$ 235.56	
Uncollected freight bills	660.72	\$ 896.28
Inventory and supplies:		
Shop tool equipment	602.00	
Warehouse equipment	254.50	
Supplies and repair parts	637.54	
Office fixtures	300.00	1,844.04
Rolling stock:		
Trucks	11,200.00	
Trailers	2,200.00	
Automobiles	300.00	13,700.00
Deferred charges		498.18
Miscellaneous		287.72
	Total	\$ <u>17,326.22</u>

LIABILITIES AND CREDIT BALANCES

Notes payable	\$ 9,000.00	
Accounts payable	630.96	
Total liabilities		\$ 9,630.96
Depreciation reserves		2,544.34
Net worth.....		<u>5,050.92</u>
	Total.....	\$17,226.22

The consideration to be paid for the business and properties of B.O.Thomas is the sum of \$100.00, plus the assumption by the purchaser of the liabilities of said business.

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, provided that the purchaser in recording the transactions on its books of account does not charge to its asset accounts more than the amounts now carried by the seller in his ledger accounts as set forth above, and provided applicants comply with the other conditions of this opinion and order.

