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In the matter of the application of : CHARLES J. KNOX and BARTLETT L. KNOX, : co-partners doing business under the : firm name and style of KNOX BROTHERS : for an order authorizing them to sell their stage line operated between King City and the City of Salines to PAUL CLEMENT and ALVA CLEMENT:

Application No. 6367

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Charles J. Knox and Bartlett L. Knox co-partners operating under the firm name and style of Knox Brothers and Paul Clement and Alva Clement have petitioned the Rail-road Commission for an order approving the sale and transfer of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between King City and the City of Salinas and intermediate points over route hereinafter described, the applicants Charles J. Knox and Bartlett L. Knox, desiring to sell, and the applicants Paul Clement and Alva Clement, desiring to purchase and hereafter operate said automobile stage service.

The rights and privileges, transfer of which is herein authorized are those claimed by applicants, Charles J. Knox and Bartlett L. Knox by virtue of alleged operations prior to May 1, 1917. Transfer of the rights and privileges

is to be made in accordance with a memorandum agreement incorporated in the application in this proceeding setting forth Four Thousand (\$4000.00) Dollars as amount to be paid, of which Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars is for equipment consisting of one seven passenger Pierce-Arrow 1912 Model automobile and one twelve passenger Pierce-Arrow 1911 Model automobile, and Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars is for operative rights.

The Commission does not herein pass upon the value of properties involved in this proceeding, nor may the purchase price be considered as a basis for rate making purposes.

The route and operative rights thereover, for which approval of transfer is sought is as follows:

Commencing at Selinas thence via State Highway to Chualar, thence via Main Highway to the following towns: Gonzales, Soledad. Greenfield and King City.

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 DECLARED that this application be, and the same hereby is granted, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the amount paid for the purchase of this property shall not be considered as a measure of value of said property before this Commission or any other authority for rate fixing or any other purpose other than the transfer herein referred to.
- 2. That applicants Knox Brothers will be immediately required to cancel tariff of fares in accord-

ance with provisions of General Order No. 51 and other regulations of the Railroad Commission.

- 3. That applicants Paul Clement and Alva Clement will be immediately required to file their tariff of fares or to adopt as their own the tariff heretofore filed by the applicants Knox Brothers, such fares
 to be identical with those now on file with the Railroad Commission by Knox Brothers; such tariff or adoption must be in accordance with Rule 13 of General Order
 No. 51 of the Railroad Commission.
- 4. That the rights and privileges, transfer of which is hereby authorized, must not again be discontinued, sold, lessed, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuence, sale, lesse, transfer or assignment has first been secured.
- cants Paul Clement and Alva Clement unless such vehicle is owned by them or is leased by them for a specified amount of a trip or term basis, the leasing of equipment not to include the services of a driver or operator. All employment of drivers or operators of leased cars shall be made on the basis of a contract by which the driver or operator shall bear the relation of an employee to the transportation company.

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