

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 34389

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
J. C. CRANE to abandon operation of)	
an automobile stage line between)	Application No. 24589
Broadview Subdivision and Watson-)	
ville Junction.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 30433, dated December 20, 1937, in Application No. 21611, J. C. Crane was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger stage service between Broadview Subdivision, situated on the Green Valley Road approximately 1.3 miles north of Freedom in the County of Santa Cruz, and the Pacific Hotel on Railroad Avenue approximately one mile east of Watsonville Junction, via Watsonville. In this application, he seeks authority to discontinue and abandon that service, alleging that the operation was unprofitable, that a writ of attachment had been levied against his equipment, and that due to lack of funds, he is unable to continue the operation. An investigation shows that applicant discontinued the service over two years ago without first securing the Commission's consent.

With a view to ascertaining the need, if any, of this service, the Commission has made an investigation of the circumstances leading up to petition of Crane for authority to discontinue the operation.

When he sought a certificate, Crane alleged in his application that the service was justified by reason of the rapid

development of a residence subdivision in the vicinity of the northern terminus of the proposed line and by the need for transportation of residents of suburban Watsonville.

It appears that the volume of traffic emanating from this source was negligible, but there did develop some business from a CCC Camp near Freedom. However, this camp has now been discontinued and that source of business is closed to applicant.

The report of the Commission's representative shows that: the concensus of opinion of half a dozen prominent business men in Watsonville is that there is no present or prospective necessity for the service; there had been no complaint over its unauthorized discontinuance some two years ago; there is no demand for its restoration; it was a losing venture from its inception and applicant's equipment has been seized.

In view of this situation we are of the opinion that the application to abandon should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that J. C. Crane be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon all of his operations as a passenger stage corporation between Broadview Subdivision, Santa Cruz County and Pacific Hotel, on Railroad Avenue,

approximately one mile east of Watsonville Junction, and intermediate points, via Watsonville.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the operative right created by Decision No. 30433 be and it is hereby revoked and annulled and all tariffs and time schedules filed thereunder are cancelled

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of December, 1944.

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