

Decision No. 22588

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 TANNER MOTOR LIVERY and GRAY LINE  
 MOTOR TOURS CO. for authority to enter  
 into an arrangement for the operation  
 of certain duplicate sightseeing tours. )  
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 ) Application  
 ) No. 16648  
 )

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

ORIGINAL

This is a joint application by Tanner Motor Livery and Gray Line Motor Tours Co., two corporations commonly owned, for an order of the Railroad Commission approving an agreement covering their operations over duplicate sightseeing tours. Each is engaged in the operation of sightseeing buses in this state, principally in Southern California. The tours involved are all in Southern California.

The agreement, a copy of which is attached to the application herein and made a part thereof, provides, in effect, that on any given day on which the sales of tickets by both companies does not justify the operation of cars by both companies, the travelers or sightseers may be transported on the equipment of either company, thus permitting one of the operators to cancel its scheduled trip in favor of the company selected to perform the service. For instance, if the Gray Line has passengers booked for a certain tour, and Tanner has also booked passengers for a similar tour, one or the other would provide the service, eliminating a costly duplication of mileage, without depriving the travelers of any part of the service held out to be performed. Such an arrangement will also have the added benefit of providing more frequent service because of the fact that under the terms of their separate operating rights certain tours need not be operated if less than a minimum of 4 tickets is sold. Applicants

propose a similar method of operation for larger parties planning to operate a single passenger car, either Gray Line or Tanner, to take care of groups of passengers presenting transportation purchased from either company, instead of sending out two cars each partly loaded, this arrangement to be effective on any day on which a total of 24 tickets had not been sold by both companies.

After a careful review of the proposed operating agreement, we are of the opinion that the proposed arrangement is one that is not contrary to sound public policy and that it should, therefore, be approved. It will permit of many economies in operation through an avoidance of unnecessary car mileage, without interfering with a full measure of service to the public. It does not appear to be a matter in which a public hearing is necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the operating agreement submitted herewith by applicants Tanner Motor Livery and Gray Line Motor Tours Co. be and the same is hereby approved, provided that said applicants file with the Railroad Commission a descriptive list of the duplicate tours involved, said list to be filed within ten (10) days after the issuance by the Commission of its Decision on Application No. 16541, which is an application by Tanner Motor Livery for an order of the Railroad Commission determining the extent and scope of its operating rights.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of

June, 1930.

*D. C. Shaver*  
*Francis J. Scott*

*John S. Lewis*

COMMISSIONERS.