

Decision No. 21151.

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity declaring its existing operative rights within the State of California in lieu of all previously existing certificates and consolidating its operations into one complete system; also for certain minor service changes and extensions or changes in routes; Lone Pine-Lone Pine Railroad Station; Bishop-Laws.

Fourth  
Supplemental  
Application  
No. 16989.

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION and ORDER  
on  
FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

By this fourth supplemental application in the above entitled proceeding Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., seeks authority to suspend temporarily its auto stage service between the following points:

- a. Between Lone Pine Station and Lone Pine.
- b. Between Bishop and Laws.

In justification for its request as to the Lone Pine - Lone Pine Station suspension applicant declares:

"...the service to and from Lone Pine Station was formerly operated in order to connect with Southern Pacific trains at that point, which was necessitated by reason of the fact that applicant carried United States mail from Lone Pine Railroad Station to Bishop. On September 19th, this mail contract was terminated and the necessity for applicant to operate motor-coaches to Lone Pine Station has temporarily ceased. Through service will be rendered by applicant between Los Angeles and Owens Valley points above Lone Pine, and it is not desired to delay through passengers by making the side trip to Lone Pine Railroad Station."

As to the suspension of service between Bishop and Laws applicant declares:

"....the service between Bishop and Laws was primarily established for the handling of United States mail under star route contract. On September 19th the Post Office Department cancelled said contract and the passenger business between said points is not sufficient to warrant maintenance of the service..... that in the months of June, July and August a total of 790 miles was operated, handling a total of 11 passengers, with gross receipts of \$4.40 or \$.0056 per mile."

Advised of the request contained in this fourth supplemental application the Bishop Chamber of Commerce wrote applicant in part as follows:

"....the census of opinion seems to be that at the present time there does not seem to be a necessity for operating a stage line between Bishop and Laws as under the present conditions the business is not there, and if by eliminating this needless expense and loss of time it would be possible to slightly change your schedule between here and Los Angeles and allow the bus to arrive from Los Angeles at an earlier hour, we would therefore recommend the elimination of the Bishop to Laws run in favor of the possibility of giving an earlier arrival in Los Angeles in the evening."

As to the service between Lone Pine Station and Lone Pine eight residents of Lone Pine signed a letter to applicant reading as follows:

"We have been acquainted with the existing service between Lone Pine Station and Lone Pine for several months as rendered by the Pacific Greyhound Lines daily including Sunday.

"From a passenger standpoint, the connection at Lone Pine is of little value in our estimation, and under existing conditions we feel that you are justified in being granted permission by the State Railroad Commission to suspend service thereon."

Both letters are on file with the Commission.

Under the circumstances we are of the opinion that this fourth supplemental application should be granted. It does not appear to be a matter on which a public hearing is necessary. Therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to suspend automotive passenger stage service between Lone Pine and Lone Pine Station and intermediate points and between Bishop and Laws and intermediate points until such time as traffic warrants resumption of said service, or until further order of the Commission in the matter.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall make such tariff and time schedule filings as are required by the Commission covering said suspension and shall post in its depots at Lone Pine, Bishop and Laws notice to the public that said service is to be discontinued, said notice to be posted at least five days prior to the date on which service is to be suspended.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of

October 1931.

Leon C. Whidby

W. J. Carr

W. B. Harris

Fred G. Stearns  
COMMISSIONERS.