

Decision No. 24346

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a
 corporation, for certain minor service
 changes and extensions or changes in
 route; proposed suspension of service
 between Camarillo and Somis Junction.)
) Fifth
) Supplemental
) Application
) No.16989

In the Matter of the Application of
 PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a
 corporation, for certain suspension
 of service: Proposed suspension -
 Buellton-Lompoc.)
) Ninth
) Supplemental
) Application
) No.16989

In the Matter of the Application of
 PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a
 corporation, for suspension of ser -
 vice: Proposed suspension -
 Bakersfield to Mojave.)
) Tenth
) Supplemental
) Application
) No.16989

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER
on
FIFTE, NINTE and TENTE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

By the Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Supplemental Applications filed herein by Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., applicant seeks authority to temporarily discontinue service between the following points:

Camarillo and Somis Junction
 Buellton and Lompoc, and
 Bakersfield and Mojave,

proposing to restore service between said points if and when traffic conditions justify resumption of service, or upon order of the Commission.

The Commission has frequently expressed itself as being opposed to the shifting by a carrier of burdens imposed by a certificate because, for the moment, said burdens, usually self-sought, have proved irksome, and has denied, in many instances, applications to lease operating rights when it has appeared that there was an intent on the part of the carrier to shift its burdens, temporarily,

to others, and by reason of ownership of the operating rights restoring its own service when traffic conditions become more propitious. It has also consistently held to the policy of refusing to "split" operating rights through the sale or transfer of a part of an operating right, except where it appeared that sound public policy required approval of the proposal. All of the rights involved herein are part of the major right granted to applicant by Decision No.23244. This policy is fully set forth by the Commission in its Decision No.21466, issued on Application No.15402.

To grant the existing supplemental applications "for authority to temporarily suspend" service, leaving the ownership of the operating rights involved vested in a carrier who does not choose to operate until business conditions justify resumption of service, would be detrimental to the best interests of the public. The field should be open to any person qualified and willing to perform the service. The request to discontinue service should be submitted to the Commission in the form of an application to discontinue service and for an order revoking the operating rights involved.

We are therefore of the opinion that the supplemental applications hereinabove referred to should be denied.

O R D E R

The above entitled matters having been consolidated for consideration, a public hearing not being considered necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Supplemental Applications herein be and the same are hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of December, 1931.

Leon Whitney
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Fred G. Stewart
2. COMMISSIONERS.