

Decision No. 24583.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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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 abandonment of service: proposed abandonment - Bakersfield to Mojave.

ORIGINAL

(Application No. 16989 (Twelfth Supplemental))

H. C. Lucas and Orla St. Clair, by Orla St. Clair, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

By this twelfth supplemental application PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing applicant to permanently discontinue the operation of its stage line between Bakersfield and Mojave.

A public hearing on this supplemental application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Bakersfield, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

By the terms of Decision No. 23244 on Application No. 16989 applicant was granted the right to transport passengers, baggage and express between Bakersfield and Saugus via Tehachapi, Mojave, Lancaster, Palmdale and/or Acton and Mint Canyon Highway. Applicant alleges that the traffic between Bakersfield and Mojave and intermediate points has declined

to such an extent that operation is no longer profitable and that there is no immediate prospect of receipts from operation being such that will equal the out-of-pocket costs.

At the present time the schedule operated consists of one round-trip daily. The following data, compiled from exhibits filed by applicant at the hearing, shows the number of passengers carried, the amount of revenue received, the car mileage and the receipts per car mile. These figures cover the months of November and December, 1931, and January, 1932, as follows:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Passengers carried</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Revenue Per Car Mile</u>
November, 1931	65	107.20	3960	.027
December, 1931	80	138.80	4092	.033
January, 1932	59	94.90	4092	.023

The present out-of-pocket operating expense on the line between Bakersfield and Mojave is \$0.06715 per car mile. It appears impossible to further reduce the operating expense as the above figure represents the operation of a five passenger Ford car. If a car of the usual standard type were to be used the out-of-pocket cost would be increased to a figure slightly over 14 cents per car mile.

Although all interested parties were notified of the hearing there were no appearances in protest against the granting of the application.

We have fully considered the evidence and exhibits shown by the record in this proceeding. It is our conclusion that the application should be granted and the applicant be permitted to permanently discontinue the operation between Bakersfield and Mojave and intermediate points, the record indicating that the patronage furnished by patrons produces a revenue which is less than the out-of-pocket operating costs and there being no evidence or prospect of increasing the volume of traffic over this portion of applicant's system.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held upon the above entitled supplemental application, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to permanently discontinue the operation of a stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Bakersfield and Mojave, via Tehachapi and intermediate points, provided that ten (10) days' notice be given this Commission, and to the public by posting notice of the date service is to be discontinued at stations of Bakersfield and Mojave and in all cars operated on the line herein sought to be discontinued.

Applicant will also arrange to cancel all tariffs and time schedules now filed and affecting the line proposed to be discontinued.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that all right to operate a stage line between Bakersfield and Mojave and intermediate points, as granted by Decision No.23244, on Application No.16989, or otherwise, to applicant be and the same hereby is revoked.

The effective date of this order is hereby fixed as twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of March, 1932.

C. C. Deane
Leon Whittell
W. J. Conroy

M. B. Lewis

Fred G. Stewart