

HEM

Decision No. 24713

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a cor-
poration, to abandon its operative
rights and route between Santa Rosa
and Monte Rio.

Application
No. 18011.

H. C. Lucas, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION;

O P I N I O N

Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to abandon that portion of its consolidated service, as fixed by Decision No. 23244, granting in lieu certificate, between Santa Rosa and Monte Rio, via Sousa's Corner and Guerneville.

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

The service sought to be abandoned is seasonal from May 15 to September 15 of each year and was established to give service to the Russian River resorts and its route. Applicant now alleges that the season of 1931, including operation between May 29 and September 14, developed 1862 passengers and a total revenue of \$1069.93. As 12,096 stage miles were operated, the income per mile

was 8.8 cents. The average cost of operation of Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., per mile is approximately 25 cents and a computation on such basis shows a deficit in revenue during the period of operation in the year 1931 of approximately \$1900. No schedule during the peak of patronage- the months of June, July and August- showed a revenue of more than 14 cents per car mile, although one schedule in May showed a revenue of 20.2 cents per car mile. Applicant maintained three schedules each way during July and August, 1931. Its records show an average of 3.5 passengers per schedule for the entire season during which operation was conducted in the year 1931.

Service from Santa Rosa to Monte Rio, Duncan Mills and Cazadero, via Fulton, is maintained by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, serving practically all the Russian River points heretofore served by applicant. This rail service has schedules leaving Santa Rosa at 4.55 P.M. and leaving Monte Rio at 7.10 A.M., with an extra Sunday schedule leaving Cazadero at 5:35 p.m. and arriving at Santa Rosa at 7.35 P.M. These schedules are doubled in number during the period from May to September of each year.

It appears that the service as now maintained and to be maintained during the summer season by Northwestern Pacific Railroad will be adequate for the public needs and that the application should be granted because of lack of patronage by the public during the season of operation.

Although adequate notice of the hearing was given to all parties interested there was no appearance

in protest against the granting of the application.

O R D E R

Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a corporation, having made application to discontinue and abandon all service between Santa Rosa and Monte Rio, serving as intermediates Lagoon, Sousa's Corner, Rock Inn and Guerneville, as granted by Decision No. 23244, on Application No. 16989, Item (g) of section of order granting seasonal service, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted, and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon that portion of its stage line between Santa Rosa and Monte Rio, and intermediate points of Lagoon, Sousa's Corner, Rock Inn and Guerneville, subject to the following conditions:

Applicant shall, within ten (10) days after effective date hereof, file with this Commission its withdrawal of all time schedules and tariffs covering the service herein authorized to be abandoned, and cancel such tariffs and time schedules,

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority for the service, herein authorized to be abandoned, as contained in Item (g) of the part of the order in Decision No. 23244, on Application No. 16989, dated December 31, 1930, providing for seasonal operations, be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of April, 1932.

C. S. ...
Leon ...
W. B. ...
Fred G. ...
Commissioners.