Dec. No. 25182

EXFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a corporation, to abandon its operative right and route between Vineyard Avenue Junction and Tarzana via Santa Susana and between Somis Junction and Camarillo.

Application No. 18310

H. C. Lucas, for Applicant

BY THE COMMISSION:



OBINION:

Applicant herein seeks the authorization by this Commission to abandon its operative rights, routes and privileges between Vineyard Avenue Junction, Ventura County, and Tarzana, Los Angeles County, via Santa Susana, and, also, between Somis Junction and Camarillo in Ventura County. The applicant's routes and right to operate upon various highways between Ventura and Los Angeles were granted by Decision No. 23244 and Decision No. 24745 on Application No. 16989.

The operation sought to be abandoned is one of the older routes of applicant and is one of three authorized. One route pursues Ventura Boulevard via Conejo Pass and another proceeds from Universal City beyond San Fernando, Saugus and Fillmore. Either of these routes is more used for through traffic than the one sought to be abandoned, which is midway between them and follows the line of the Southern Pacific over Santa Susana Pass.

According to an exhibit filed at the hearing, the transportation sold to and from the points to be abandoned has not exceeded two tickets a day, except through passengers who could be

better transported via Conejo or Saugus routing at shorter distances. It is the purpose of applicant to save the operation of the vehicles now in use on the route to be abandoned and enlarge its service by the other two routes. In view of the fact that the patronage from and to the points on the route sought to be abandoned is extremely meagre and the operation is supported only by through passenger service which can be better handled by the other routes, it appears that the change will not affect public necessity in view of the fact that the Southern Pacific Company maintains frequent schedules at all points between Tarzana and Vineyard Junction.

In addition to these reasons, the Santa Susana Pass road is less satisfactory for the operation of vehicles of the character used by applicant and involves considerable grade operation over, in part, old roads. The patronage of the operation between Somis and Camarillo was but 29 passengers during the months of April, May, and July, all moving in one direction.

The application was supported by the testimony of John B. Wallace, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce of Ventura; Jack C. Miller, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce of Oxnard; J. C. Krouzer, Publisher, Oxnard; Ed Hayes, Camarillo; Mr. Glover, Camarillo Land Company Agent; Mr. Mansfield of Moor Park; and W. A. Raitman of Santa Susana. Also there was presented in evidence as an exhibit a letter from the Somis Chamber of Commerce, urging the granting of the application.

There were no protests entered to the application, hearing on which was held at the Ventura County Court House on September 2, 1932, before Examiner Johnson.

ORDER

Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., is hereby granted permission:

- (1) To abandon its operative right and route between Vineyard Avenue Junction and Tar-zana via Santa Susana.
- (2) To abandon its operative right and route between Somis Junction and Camarillo.

It is hereby ordered that Paragraphs 55 and 56 of Decision No. 23244 be amended to define the routes as follows:

> "55. Between Ventura and Los Angeles via (a) the main highway through Saticoy Junction, Santa Paula, Saugus, San Fernando, Universal City and Los

Fernando, Universal City and Los Angeles; (b) the main highway between Montalvo and El Rio and thence either through Oxnard to Camarillo or direct be-

tween El Rio and Camarillo, thence through Calabasas, Universal City and Hollywood; or via the El Rio Subway not serving El Rio.

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"56. Between El Rio and Saticoy Junction via the main direct highway."

The applicant is hereby authorized to file with this Commission withdrawal of all time schedules and teriffs covering service herein authorized to be abandoned and cancel such tariffs and time schedules, all within twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1944 day of September, 1932.

Commissioners.