Decision No. 25245

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OFCALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a corporation, to reroute its existing service between Santa Maria and Los Alamos.

Application No. 18369.

H.C. Lucas, T. Finkbohner and Guy Hill for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Applicant herein seeks the authority of this Commission to reroute its existing service between Santa Maria and Los Alamos Canyon Junction and to abandon its operative rights and route between Harriston and Los Alamos.

A hearing was held before Examiner Johnson on the above entitled application at Santa Maria on September 19, 1932, at which no one appeared to protest.

The testimony of the Traffic Manager of the applicant showed that the State Highway Department has constructed a new road between Solomon Canyon Junction and Los Alamos, known as the Solomon Canyon Road; that said road is constructed according to high engineering standards; that the use of said road by applicant will reduce the mileage on their main route between San Francisco and Los Angeles by 4.5 miles; that the new road is far superior to the old road which was constructed in 1915 and which is practically worn out; and that the new route eliminates three grade crossings. Further testimony showed that this Commission had already granted informal authority for running certain schedules over the new route. Testimony was also offered showing that no passengers were carried between the two points on the route to be abandoned during the past month although twelve schedules were in operation over said route. It appears that the advantages of the improved Solomon Canyon Road justify all the relief sought by this applicant as there is the safety feature of the elimination of grade crossings and public convenience and necessity are served by the shortening of the route and the saving of time. No point now served by applicant will be eliminated.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc. be authorized to reroute its operations between Gilroy and Santa Barbara, by adopting, in lieu of the routings provided by paragraph No. 53 of Decision No. 23244 dated December 31, 1930, as amended by Decision No. 24831 dated June 6, 1932, the following routing:

Between Gilroy and Santa Barbara via the main highway (Prunedale Cut Off) through Chittenden Road Junction, Salinas, King City, Paso Robles, Pismo and the direct main highway through Arroyo Grande, thence via the main highway through Harriston and Lompoc to Las Cruces via the San Julian Road, or, via Solomon Canyon Road through Los Alamos and Buellton to Las Cruces thence via main highway through Gaviota,

and subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall within fifteen days from date hereof file with this Commission amended rates as shown by Exhibit "C" attached to the application and amended time schedules covering alteration of route herein authorized.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and he is hereby authorized to abandon all service and operation between Harriston and Los Alamos, as provided for in said Decisions Nos. 23244 and 24831 on Application No. 16989, provided applicant shall file, within fifteen days from date hereof with this Commission cancellation of tariffs and time schedules covering such service.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>10 th</u> day of Networker_ 1932.

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