

MEM

Decision No. 18461

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of
PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, INC., a cor-
poration, for authority to transport
express between Sandy Corners and the
California State Line opposite Ehrenberg.

Application
No. 18461

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Robt. Brennan and Wm. F. Brooks for
The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway
Company, Protestant

Edward Stern for Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
Protestant

Rex Boston for Western Truck Line, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a corporation, has peti-
tioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that
public convenience and necessity require the transportation
by it of express on its line from Sandy Corners to the
California State Line opposite Ehrenberg.

A public hearing on this application was con-
ducted by Examiner Handford at Riverside, the matter was
duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

By Decision No. 23244, on Application No. 16989,
dated December 31, 1930, applicant was not permitted to

transport express on its lines between Sandy Corners and the California-Arizona State Line opposite Ehrenberg. The same decision authorized temporary suspension of operation pending improvement of highway conditions or until traffic demands justified the resumption of operation. This suspension of operation was made effective, but due to highway improvement service was resumed by applicant on September 12, 1952. The line now serves Thermal, Mecca and Blythe and also is used by applicant between Los Angeles and Phoenix, Arizona. Since the resumption of regular passenger service demands have been made by the residents and business men of Blythe, Riverside and other points for a parcel or express service over this route. The instant application is intended to meet this demand and request on the company by its prospective express patrons.

The present express service to Blythe, the principal point between Sandy Corners and the California-Arizona State Line is furnished by the Railway Express Agency, Inc. over the railroad line of The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company. One service daily is available, arriving at Blythe at 6:50a.m. and leaving Blythe daily, except Sunday, at 9:30 p.m. The service proposed by applicant will be rendered daily arriving at Blythe at 4:00 p.m. and leaving such point at 11.25 a.m.

Five witnesses testified in favor of the application. These witnesses testified as to the necessity of promptly forwarding automobile repair parts, drugs and serums and newspapers to Blythe and the intermediate points between Sandy Corners and the California-Nevada State Line.

The evidence shows a desire for a more expeditious

service than that now available by existing facilities, especially as regards points on the line which are not served by railroad.

Although this application is protested by the existing carriers, they presented no evidence in support of their protest .

We are of the opinion that the application should be granted in accordance with the terms of the following form of order:

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the transportation of express parcels and property by the Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc. on its line of stages operated between Sandy Corners and the California-Nevada State Line opposite Ehrenberg, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., a corporation, for the transportation of express packages and parcels on its passenger stage line operated between Sandy Corners and the California-Arizona State Line opposite Ehrenberg, and for the consolidation of such express service with the express service now conducted by the applicant on its lines and as approved by the Commission under certificates as covered by previous decisions.

The authority herein granted for the transportation of express is limited and subject to the restriction that no single package shall be accepted for shipment that weighs in excess of one hundred (100) pounds, and all express must be transported on passenger vehicles only, except as to property transported

for or through the agency of Railway Express Agency, Inc. and milk or cream and empty containers of said commodities when being transported to or from a rail junction point in connection with rail transportation thereof, to which said restrictions as to weight and vehicles shall not apply.

The authority hereby granted is also subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall file its written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed fifteen (15) days from the date hereof.
2. Applicant shall file, in triplicate, and make effective within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof, on not less than ten (10) days notice to the Railroad Commission and the public, a tariff or tariffs constructed in accordance with the requirements of this Commission's General Order which, in volume and effect, shall be identical with the rates and rules shown in the exhibits attached to the application in so far as they conform to the certificate herein granted.
3. Applicant shall file, in duplicate, and make effective within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from date hereof, on not less than five days notice to this Commission and to the public time schedules covering the service herein authorized, in a form satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
4. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.
5. No vehicle may be operated by the applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by it under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order is hereby fixed as twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of December, 1932.

Cl. L. Lacey
Leon Whelan
W. A. Carr
W. B. Harris
Fred G. Starnoff
Commissioners.