

Decision No. 25633.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Issuance of Free)
or Reduced Rate Transportation and)
Regulations governing the Recording)
of Passes.)

ORIGINAL
Case No. 2669.

Hugh McKevitt and John F. Shea, for California
Northern Hotel Association.
Roy G. Hillebrand, for Southern Pacific Company.
R. D. Johnson, for The Atchison, Topeka and Santa
Fe Railway Company.
E. C. Lucas and Guy Hill, for Pacific Greyhound
Lines, Inc.

SEAVEY, Commissioner:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

By Decision 21489 of August 23, 1929, the Commission approved General Order No. 85, In the Matter of the Issuance of Free or Reduced Rate Transportation and Regulations Governing the Recording of Passes. This General Order among other things provides that common carriers may issue free or reduced transportation

" * * * (5) to hotel employees of season resort hotels while traveling to or from such employment, provided such transportation shall not be issued to any particular employee more than twice in any single season, namely, when traveling to the hotel at the time of entering employment or when traveling from the hotel at the termination of the employment; **."

At the request of the California Northern Hotel Association this proceeding was reopened for further hearing on the question of amending the above-quoted provision of General Order No. 85. The matter was heard and submitted at San Francisco February 9, 1933.

The record shows that there is considerable fluctuation in the employment needs of resort hotels. Employees required over week ends and holidays frequently cannot economically be retained throughout the week. Since at the present time free or reduced transportation may not be issued to any particular employee more than twice in any single season it is not possible for resort hotel operators to take full advantage of this privilege unless they employ different help each time. The lack of experience of such help makes this impracticable. The cost of tickets purchased at the full tariff fare is often prohibitive and leads to the practice of securing other means of transportation.

Certain witnesses also testified that they derived little if any benefit from the present reductions for the reason that in many instances the regular round trip fare is substantially the same as one half of double the one-way fare.

All of the witnesses testified that they preferred to utilize the established transportation companies and would do so if the reduced rate provisions were liberalized.

There was no objection to the revision of the General Order along the lines indicated. The transportation companies entering an appearance maintained a position of neutrality.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record I am of the opinion that the General Order should be revised so as to permit transportation companies to grant to season resort hotel employees while traveling to and from such employment reduced transportation regardless of whether or not such transportation had previously been issued to the same person in the same season.

I recommend the following form of order:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

This matter having been duly heard and submitted and being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Subdivision (5) of Section I of General Order No. 85, promulgated by this Commission by Decision 21489 of August 23, 1929, be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(5) to hotel employees of ^{season} resort hotels while traveling to or from such employment." 11971.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects our Decision No. 21489 of August 23, 1929, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of February, 1933.

C. L. Harvey
Leon C. Lindsey
M. A. Lee
W. R. Harris
M. S. Warner
Commissioners.