

Decision No. 31364

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES to
establish seasonal service between
Middletown and Upper Lake via
Lower Lake and Lucerne.

Application No. 22239

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

By this application Pacific Greyhound Lines, a corporation, seeks an order of this Commission providing that its passenger, baggage and express service between Middletown and Upper Lake via Lucerne may be rendered on a seasonal basis from approximately May 15 to October 1 of each year instead of the year round service now operated.

In justification of the reduction of service herein sought applicant, through the medium of its Exhibit A attached to and made a part of the application, alleges that the total passenger revenue for the period October 1937 to April 1938 averaged less than two cents per bus mile. Minimum out of pocket expense incurred during this period, according to the company, was ten cents per bus mile. The total number of passengers handled during this period of 112 days was 700 or an average of 1.65 passengers per trip. Applicant further alleges that with the inception of this operation in November of 1934 service was established on a year round basis

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1. Does not include overhead and depreciation on equipment.
 2. Application No. 19661, decision No. 27518, dated November 13, 1934 and application No. 16989, decision No. 25244 dated December 31, 1930.

due to the fact that Pacific Greyhound Lines had been awarded a contract for the handling of United States Mail for a four year period commencing July 1, 1934.

Applicant further states that the territory involved is principally a vacation area and that transportation requirements during the winter months are at a minimum and refers to earlier decision of this Commission authorizing seasonal service between other points in this general territory ⁽³⁾ as supporting the position taken in this application. Additionally Pacific Greyhound Lines is convinced, it is alleged, that operation during the off vacation season without benefit of mail revenue cannot be sustained and points to the fact that it was an unsuccessful star route bidder for the four year term commencing July 1, 1936.

This appears to be a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted subject to the proviso that service during the off season period shall be resumed when traffic demands warrant such operation thus placing this seasonal operation in conformity with other similar operations in the territory.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines, be and it is hereby authorized to operate its automotive service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Middletown and Upper Lake via Lucerne on a seasonal basis from approximately May 15 to October 1 of each year subject to the conditions that,

3. Ulrich-Lucerne, Lucerne-Clear Lake Oaks, Lower Lake Junction-Adams Springs, Middletown-Harbor Springs, Lower Lake Leigler Springs
(Decision No. 2322A)

1. Service during the remainder of the year shall be resumed when traffic demands warrant such operation.
2. Applicant shall file on at least ten days' notice to the Commission and the public a supplement to its tariff in triplicate and a time schedule in duplicate showing therein the authority for the seasonal operation herein authorized.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of October, 1938.

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Ray L. Rice

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