

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 25088

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
SAN FRANCISCO AND NAPA VALLEY RAILROAD, a )  
corporation, to sell and PACIFIC GREYHOUND )  
LINES, a corporation, to purchase certain )  
passenger stage operating rights for the )  
transportation of passengers, baggage and )  
express between Calistoga and San Francisco, )  
California. )

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By the above-entitled joint application San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad seeks permission to sell and Pacific Greyhound Lines requests authority to purchase certain passenger stage operative rights between Calistoga, San Francisco and intermediate points, via Vallejo, together with property and equipment used in rendering service pursuant to such rights.

San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad is the successor in interest of the Napa Valley Bus Company. The former, in addition to the passenger stage operative rights it acquired from the latter, was granted a highway common carrier certificate. Only the passenger stage rights and assets are involved in this matter. Decision No. 18217, in Application No. 12359, granted Napa Valley Bus Company a passenger stage certificate between Calistoga and Vallejo coordinated with service of the San Francisco, Napa and Calistoga Railway and limited to transportation of passengers and their hand baggage. By Decision No. 30108, in Application No. 20805, the bus company was granted a certificate between Vallejo and San Francisco, consolidated with the Calistoga - Vallejo right, prohibiting local service between

San Francisco and Vallejo, but permitting baggage, express and freight not exceeding one hundred pounds in weight to be carried on passenger vehicles. The restriction on local service was subsequently removed by Decision No. 31131, in Application No. 20805. San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad was authorized to acquire the operative rights, property and assets of Napa Valley Bus Company by Decision No. 33586, in Application No. 23658.

Pacific Greyhound Lines now conducts extensive passenger stage operations throughout this state which include service between Calistoga, San Francisco and intermediate points, via Vallejo. Such service is over routes, between points and at fares generally identical with those of San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad.

It is alleged in the application that the seller has had great difficulty in maintaining a profitable operation. Elimination of the duplicating public transportation facilities should promote efficiency and economy of operation and insure continued and remunerative service.

The public will not be inconvenienced as Pacific Greyhound Lines will continue to provide all needed service.

Because of war conditions and emergencies created thereby, elimination of duplication is necessary to conserve rubber, oil, gasoline, equipment and other materials.

Exhibit "A," attached to the application, lists both tangible and intangible property involved in the proposed transfer herein, for which Pacific Greyhound Lines is to pay San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad \$100,000. We express no opinion on the reasonableness of the proposed purchase price and no finding is here made as to the amount that should be considered in the determination of a proper rate base for this property. Nor is there any differentiation made at this time as to what portion of this property should be considered as operative or non-operative.

This does not appear to be a matter warranting a public hearing. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that this application be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad is authorized to transfer passenger stage corporation operative rights created by Decisions Nos. 18217, 30108, 30152, 31131 and 33586 and the property set forth in the agreement attached to the application and marked Exhibit "A" to Pacific Greyhound Lines and the latter is authorized to acquire said operative rights and property, which said rights are hereby consolidated with, and made a part of, Pacific Greyhound Lines' existing rights.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that San Francisco and Napa Valley Railroad and Pacific Greyhound Lines comply with Part IV of General Order No. 93-A and General Orders Nos. 79 and 80, by filing an appropriate time schedule and a withdrawal and adoption notice within sixty (60) days of the date hereof and upon not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public.

Pacific Greyhound Lines, its successors or assigns, may never claim before this Commission, or any court or other public body, a value for the intangibles hereby authorized to be transferred.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1942.

Justus F. Agnew  
Paul D. Riley  
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Francis J. Habens  
Richard Jackson  
COMMISSIONERS