

Decision No. 35720

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## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, a corporation, )  
 for authority to suspend its operations )  
 between Half Moon Bay and San Gregorio, )  
 and between Pescadero and Davenport. )

Application No. 25102  
 (Amended)

BY THE COMMISSION:

## O P I N I O N

By this amended application Pacific Greyhound Lines, a corporation, requests authority to temporarily suspend its passenger stage operation between Half Moon Bay and San Gregorio, and between Pescadero and Davenport, until such time as traffic conditions warrant re-establishment of the service.

Among the operative rights heretofore granted applicant is the right to operate between San Francisco and Davenport via State Route 56 through Edgemar, Sharp Park, Half Moon Bay, San Gregorio and Pescadero. By a subsequent decision applicant was authorized to use the new State Route 56 between Waddel Creek and Davenport instead of the old route via Swanton and Belvedere Ranch, for all schedules operating between Waddel Creek and Davenport, except those transporting mail under contract with the United States Postoffice Department.

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- (1) Decision No. 30063, Application No. 21409.  
 (2) Decision No. 32483, Application No. 23022.  
 (3) Effective July 1, 1942, applicant discontinued the transportation of mail under Star Route contract between San Francisco and Davenport.

Applicant justifies the request for suspension on the ground that there have been practically no demands for service between Half Moon Bay and San Gregorio and between Pescadero and Davenport. A recent check of the two schedules operating each way between Half Moon Bay and San Gregorio shows that only one or two passengers are carried on those schedules, and that approximately fifty per cent of the schedules are operated without any passengers whatsoever. On the Pescadero-Davenport operation a total of two passengers were handled in a six-day period on the one schedule from Pescadero to Davenport, and in the opposite direction a total of four passengers were handled in twelve trips.

Applicant submits an exhibit indicating that the passenger revenue per bus mile on six schedules for the first five months of 1942 averages .0399 cents. Suspension of service on this route will permit the saving of approximately 4000 bus miles per month. There appears to be no immediate hope that the direct or out-of-pocket cost of operation will more nearly approach the revenue derived therefrom. Moreover, applicant states that it desires to conform to the fullest extent with an order of the Office of Defense Transportation requiring that a common carrier shall not operate in inter-city service at a load factor of less than 40 per cent.

It appears that the reasons set forth by applicant are sufficient to justify authorization of the temporary discontinuance of the service as requested. This is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, and the application will be granted.

O R D E R

The above-entitled matter having been fully considered and the Commission being duly advised therein,

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines is hereby authorized to suspend, until September 1, 1943, all passenger stage service between Half Moon Bay and San Gregorio and between Pescadero and Davenport, provided that it shall within thirty (30) days file, in triplicate, and upon not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public, a supplement to its tariff and a time schedule showing the suspension of service as herein authorized and provided further that it shall, at least ten (10) days prior to discontinuance of service, post notice of such discontinuance in its buses and at its terminals.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1942.

Justus F. Coleman  
M. H. Kelly  
James D. Haveman

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