

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36157

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, a corpora-)
 tion, to reroute its service between) Application No. 25432
 Watsonville and Rob Roy Junction, for)
 the transportation of passengers,)
 baggage and express.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 23244, rendered December 31, 1930, Pacific Greyhound Lines was granted a certificate authorizing passenger stage service between Santa Cruz and Watsonville, via Rob Roy Junction and the main highway through Freedom, for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express. Limitations on the transportation of shipments of express were fixed at 100 pounds, with certain exceptions, by the Commission's Decision No. 32506, rendered October 31, 1939.

In the above-entitled application, applicant requests authority to use an optional routing and reroute a portion of its service between Watsonville and Rob Roy Junction, via the newly realigned main highway between those points. Applicant proposes to continue its operation, on a revised basis, over its present route between those points via the State Highway through Freedom.

It is asserted that the following conditions exist which are relied upon by applicant as justification for the granting of the relief sought:

1. Early in 1941 the State Highway Commission placed under construction a relocated portion of the main highway between Watsonville and Rob Roy Junction. This relocation was completed and opened to travel in October, 1942. It involved the construction of 7.7 miles of new modern highway, and shortened the distance between Watsonville and Rob Roy Junction by 3.5 miles. This new highway is of three-lane width where provisions for safe passing make the extra lane necessary.
2. Applicant proposes to continue operation of such schedules over the present though longer route as the traffic demands of the communities served thereby may from time to time warrant.
3. With the advent of gasoline rationing effective December 1, 1942, and in consideration of the rubber conservation program, it is essential that applicant, in cooperation with the purposes thereof, arrange to provide the most efficient essential bus transportation with the least possible bus miles of operation. The proposed rerouting will result in a saving of approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ bus miles per schedule. It is estimated that a sufficient number of schedules can be rerouted over the said direct route to save approximately 10,000 bus miles per year.
4. Applicant alleges that by rerouting a portion of its service so as to make use of the new route as far as possible, public convenience and necessity will be better served.

After due consideration of the allegations in support of the authority sought it is our opinion that the request is in the public interest and should be granted. This is not a matter requiring a public hearing.

O R D E R

Application having been made as above entitled and the Commission finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Pacific Greyhound Lines authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Watsonville and Rob Roy Junction and intermediate points, provided that the transportation of express shall be governed by the limitations heretofore created by the Commission's Decision No. 32506, rendered October 31, 1939, in Application No. 22995, subject to the following condition:

Pacific Greyhound Lines, its successors or assigns may never claim before this Commission or any court or other public body, a value, for any purpose, for the certificate herein granted in excess of the actual cost incurred by it in securing said operative authority.

(2) That in the operation of the passenger stage service, pursuant to the foregoing certificate, the following service regulations shall be observed:

1. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
2. Applicant shall comply with the provisions of General Orders Nos. 79 and 80 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public.
3. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify it at any time by further order, applicant shall conduct said operations over and along the newly realigned main highway between Watsonville and Rob Roy Junction.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of February, 1943.

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