

Decision No. 36202

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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,)
to reroute its service between Dunsmuir) Application No. 25506
and Redding.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Among the operative rights of Pacific Greyhound Lines is one authorizing the transportation of passengers, baggage and express, as a passenger stage corporation, between the California-Oregon State line, north of Hornbrook, and Sacramento via the main highway through Redding, Red Bluff, Williams, Davis Junction and Davis. This right was created by Decision No. 23244, on Application No. 16989. Between Dunsmuir and Redding, the operation was conducted over U. S. Highway No. 99 serving Baird, Pollock, Doney Creek and intermediate points.

In this proceeding the Commission is requested to authorize the applicant to reroute its service between Dunsmuir and Redding via the recently relocated U. S. Highway No. 99, eliminating service to and from Baird, Pollock, Doney Creek and points intermediate thereto.

Applicant alleges that the following conditions exist which are relied upon as justification for the authority sought:

Since October 1938 the State Highway Department, in conjunction with the United States Government, has been engaged in the construction of a new bridge across the Pit River and the relocation of U. S. Highway 99 from the Pit River to a point approximately sixteen miles north thereof.

Relocation was necessary because the reservoir to be formed by the Shasta Dam Unit of the Central Valley Project in Shasta County will, when completed, cover the existing route with the reservoir water.

The relocation of the highway involved the construction of a bridge approximately 3,467 feet in length, one of the largest of its kind, over the Pit River. The highway construction is of improved design, consisting in greatly improved alignment and a wider roadbed. Incidental to the relocation there was a decrease in gradient and in adverse grade. The route over the new relocated highway is approximately 4.2 miles shorter than the old route.

Upon the recent opening of the relocated highway, the old highway through Baird, Pollock and Doney Creek was barricaded, and applicant is informed that its presently authorized route will no longer be open to traffic, thus making it necessary to operate over the new relocated highway. Due to wartime conditions, the opening of the new bridge and highway has been delayed many times, and it was impossible to secure definite advance information as to when the bridge and relocated highway would be open for use. Operations over the new relocated highway will be consistent with efforts under the program to conserve rubber, gasoline and other materials essential to the war effort in that there will be a saving of approximately 22,500 bus miles each year.

After full consideration of the circumstances alleged 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

After due consideration of the above entitled matter and the Commission finding that public convenience and necessity so require;

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines is hereby authorized to abandon service to and from Baird, Pollock and Doney Creek and intermediate points and in lieu thereof establish service between Redding and Dunsmuir and intermediate points over

the newly relocated U. S. Highway No. 99 between its intersection with the old highway southerly of the new Pit. River bridge and the intersection of those highways between Doney Creek and Dunsmuir, as an extension and enlargement of and consolidated with the operative right heretofore created by Decision No. 23244, in Application No. 16989, and a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor is hereby granted.

In the operation of its 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.

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

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

Francis A. Havenner
H. H. Katt
Justice F. Casper
Richard P. Haskie
James C. Orr
COMMISSIONERS