

Decision No. 36241

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, a corporation,)
to suspend service for the transpor-)
tation of passengers, baggage and express)
between Corcoran and Tulare, for the)
duration of the war.)

Application No. 25505

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Pacific Greyhound Lines applies for authority to suspend its passenger stage operation between Corcoran and Tulare, via Waukena, for the duration of the war.

In support of the request it is alleged, in effect, that the patronage of that line during normal times has not warranted its continued operation and that during the present emergency, when applicant is experiencing a tremendous increase in the number of passengers carried and a consequent acute shortage of available equipment, the operation has not been self-sustaining.

It is stated that an analysis of passengers carried on the line for the nine-day period November 12 to 20, 1942, inclusive, prior to the rationing of gasoline, shows the average number of passengers carried on each schedule was 4.4. After December 1, 1942, the effective date of gasoline rationing, the operation failed to reflect the anticipated increased passenger travel. An analysis of passengers carried shows that during the period of January 14 to 20, 1943, inclusive, the average number of

passengers carried on each schedule was 5.2. Applicant states that this traffic is still insufficient to warrant continued operation of that line.

It is further stated that the service over that route has not been patronized sufficiently to come within the minimum requirements of the general orders of the Office of Defense Transportation requiring a maximum utilization of its facilities, services, and equipment for preferential transportation of troops and materiel of war. It is further stated that if that suspension is authorized it would materially assist the war program in that it would result in the saving of 27,740 stage miles annually. There is presently available a daily round-trip rail service between the points involved by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

In our judgement the authority sought by applicant would be of material assistance in the war effort and would not seriously inconvenience the public presently using the service. Being in the public interest therefore, the application should be granted and it will be so provided in the order following. No public hearing appears to be necessary.

ORDER

After full consideration of the application herein, and it being hereby found that the authority sought is in the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines, a corporation, may suspend its passenger stage service between

Corcoran and Tulare and intermediate points, via Waukena, until one hundred eighty (180) days after the termination of the present war shall have been officially proclaimed, or until such earlier time as the Commission by further order may designate.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of March, 1943.

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COMMISSIONERS