

Decision No. 36399

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, a corporation,)
 for a certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity to operate an automotive)
 stage service for the transportation of) Application No. 24521
 passengers, baggage and express between) 1st Supplemental
 Chico and the Air Corps Training School)
 at the former Chico Airport, and to con-)
 solidate the same with the remainder of)
 applicant's system.)

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BY THE COMMISSION:

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

By its supplemental application in this matter Pacific Greyhound Lines seeks the revocation of the operative right authorizing the operation of a passenger stage service between Chico and Chico Basic Flying School, situated approximately six miles northeast of Chico, which was granted by Decision No. 35375, rendered May 19, 1942, in this proceeding. This service, which was "on-call" in character, has not yet been established.

Applicant asserts that when it applied for this certificate representations had been made, upon which it relied, indicating a real and pressing necessity for a common carrier bus service between Chico and the Basic Flying School, particularly for the accommodation of personnel and employees at the Base. These expectations, however, have not been realized, the anticipated traffic having failed to develop.

Other carriers, comprising Gibson Lines and Richardson Springs Stage, now operate between these points under certificates

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granted by the Commission. Their service, it appears, is more than adequate to meet the needs of the public; and applicant's entrance into this field would serve only to dilute the traffic which they now enjoy. In view of the pressing demands for service, to which applicant has been subjected under the present war conditions, it should be authorized to withdraw from this operation. Such a course would permit the conservation of both equipment and tires, which could be used elsewhere to greater advantage. Accordingly, the application will be granted.

In view of this conclusion it will not be necessary to determine the petition previously filed in this proceeding by Gibson Lines, seeking the imposition of a limitation upon the service to be provided by applicant between the points involved, so as to prohibit (with certain exceptions) the transportation of passengers between Chico Basic Flying School, on the one hand, and points situated between Chico and Sacramento, inclusive, on the other hand. Under the circumstances this petition will be dismissed without prejudice.

This is not a matter in which a public hearing appears to be necessary.

(1) By Decision No. 35381, rendered May 19, 1942, in Application No. 24439, Gibson Lines was authorized to operate a passenger stage service between Chico and Chico Basic Flying School.

Lee Richardson and Alice A. Richardson, operating as Richardson Springs Stage, between Chico and Richardson Springs, were authorized to serve Chico Basic Flying School as an intermediate point, by Decision No. 35388, rendered May 19, 1942, in Application No. 24991.

O R D E R

Application having been made as above entitled; and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted to Pacific Greyhound Lines by Decision No. 35375, rendered May 19, 1942, in the above entitled proceeding and authorizing the operation of a passenger stage service by said Company between Chico and Chico Basic Flying School, be and it hereby is cancelled and revoked.

(2) That the petition of Gibson Lines for a modification of said Decision No. 35375, heretofore filed in the above entitled proceeding, be and it hereby is dismissed, without prejudice.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st
day of June, 1943.

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COMMISSIONERS