

Decision No. 37538

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, a corpo-)
ration, for authority to operate over) Application No. 26381
an additional route between Harriston) and Las Cruces.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Pursuant to Decision No. 23244, as amended by Decision No. 25245, the applicant herein is engaged in the business of conducting a passenger stage operation between Harriston and Las Cruces, both points in Santa Barbara County. The routes are defined in paragraph 53 of said Decision No. 23244 as follows:

"Between Gilroy and Santa Barbara via the main highway (Prunedale Cut Off) through Chittenden Road Junction, Salinas, King City, Paso Robles, Pismo and the direct main highway through Arroyo Grande, thence via the main highway through Harriston and Lompoc to Las Cruces via the San Julian Road, or, via Solomon Canyon Road through Los Alamos and Buellton to Las Cruces thence via main highway through Gaviota."

In the application which is here being considered, applicant assigns the following reasons which would justify the granting of authority to operate over a proposed new route:

That there exists an additional route between the junction approximately three miles north of Lompoc and Buellton, known as State Highway 150. This highway has recently been reconstructed so that it now is practically a new road, and that it is available for use by the buses of applicant. The distance between the junction north of Lompoc and Buellton over this newly available connecting road is approximately 18.1 miles.

That applicant intends to use said route for the handling of military personnel in through buses between Camp Cooke and southern points without operating through Lompoc, and

That this route is more level, eliminates curves, is an easier route to drive, and is less hazardous than the existing route via Lompoc to Las Cruces.

It appears to us that public convenience and necessity require that applicant be authorized to operate over the additional route described above. Such operation will especially expedite the movement of military personnel between Camp Cooke and Los Angeles and other points south of Las Cruces. The additional routing is in the interest of more efficient and economical operation. The application will be granted. There appears no necessity for a public hearing.

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above entitled matter and the Commission being advised,

IT IS ORDERED that paragraph 53 of Decision No. 23244, as amended by Decision No. 25245, be, and it hereby is, further amended so that said paragraph 53 shall read as follows:

"53. Between Gilroy and Santa Barbara via the main highway (Prunedale Cut Off) through Chittenden Road Junction, Salinas, King City, Paso Robles, Pismo and the direct main highway through Arroyo Grande, thence via the main highway through Harriston and Lompoc to Las Cruces via the San Julian Road, or via Solomon Canyon Road through Los Alamos and Buellton to Las Cruces, including the right to operate between the Junction approximately three miles north of Lompoc and Buellton via State Highway 150, thence via main highway through Gaviota;"

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said additional route between the Junction approximately three miles north of Lompoc and Buellton, via State Highway 150, shall be an extension and enlargement of

applicant's existing rights and shall be consolidated with the remainder of applicant's system.

In all other respects Decisions Nos. 23244 and 25245 shall be and remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be one (1) day from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of December, 1945

Richard LaRue
Justus F. Calver
Francis L. Foreman
Thomas W. Barr
John H. Lawrence
COMMISSIONERS