

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40620

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 THE GRAY LINES, INC., a corporation,)
 for a certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity to operate as a common)
 carrier for hire, transportation service)
 between The Pacific Turf Club in Albany,)
 California, on the one hand, and San)
 Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, on the)
 other hand.)

Application No. 28582

O P I N I O N

Applicant for some time past has been engaged in the operation of sight-seeing tours in the San Francisco Bay area. This business has been expanded to include ground transportation for air line passengers and a general charter bus operation. It proposes in this application to establish service as a common carrier for hire for the transportation of passengers between The Pacific Turf Club in Albany, California, on the one hand, and San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, California, on the other hand. The service is to be operated daily on each day that racing is in progress at said Club. Buses will depart from San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda on schedules arranged to coordinate with the commencement of the daily racing program at the Club and will return at the conclusion of the program. Applicant does not propose to make any stops en route or to pick up or discharge passengers en route between San Francisco and the Club. However, when transporting passengers between San Francisco and the Club

(1) Sometimes hereinafter referred to as the Club.

applicant proposes, in the event it has seats available therefor, to stop in Oakland and pick up passengers, and upon the return trip from the Club to stop and discharge passengers in Oakland.

Applicant alleges that, following the war, resumption of horse racing in Northern California has received a new impetus and that transportation to and from the race track at Albany will require this additional service to take care of a portion of the traffic, and also obviate the inconvenience of parking private automobiles.

For the service thus to be rendered, applicant proposes to charge a round trip fare of \$1.74, plus tax, between San Francisco and the Club, and \$1.30, plus tax, between Oakland and Alameda and the Club. Buses of a type specially designed for this kind of service with seating capacity of 21 to 41 passengers each, will be used.⁽²⁾

Each of the carriers operating between any or all of the points proposed to be served by applicant has been furnished with a copy of this application, and all have advised the Commission that they do not protest the granting of the application.

It would appear that the establishment of the proposed service is in the public interest and the application will be granted. Public hearing is not required.

(2) The round trip mileage between San Francisco and the Club is 24 miles; between Oakland and the Club, 14.6 miles.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, the Commission being fully advised and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to The Gray Line, Inc. authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between The Pacific Turf Club in Albany, California, on the one hand, and San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, on the other hand, including the right to pick up passengers at Oakland en route to The Pacific Turf Club, and to discharge passengers at Oakland on the return trip from the Club, said service to be rendered only during the period when the racing season is in progress at said Pacific Turf Club.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- a. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed 30 days from the effective date hereof.
- b. Within 60 days from the effective date hereof and on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A, by filing in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, appropriate tariffs and time tables.
- c. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify them by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following routes:

San Francisco to The Pacific Turf Club

Leaving downtown San Francisco thence to San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge approach, thence east across Bridge to East Shore Highway, thence north on East Shore Highway to Gelman Street, thence west to The Pacific Turf Club, and returning on the reverse of said route.

Oakland to The Pacific Turf Club.

Leaving downtown Oakland, north on Broadway to MacArthur Boulevard, thence west on MacArthur Boulevard to East Shore Highway, thence north on East Shore Highway to Gelman Street, thence west to The Pacific Turf Club, returning on the reverse of said route to the Leamington Hotel in Oakland, California.

Alameda to The Pacific Turf Club

Leaving downtown Alameda, through Webster Street Tunnel to 7th Street, thence westerly to Cypress Street; thence northerly to East Shore Highway, thence northerly to Grafton Avenue, thence westerly to The Pacific Turf Club, returning on the reverse of said route.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th
day of August, 1947.

Harold P. Kulk

W. H. Russell

R. J. Jones

COMMISSIONERS