

Decision No. 42458

CONFIDENTIAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES, a corporation, ) Application No. 30652  
for authority to serve Camarillo State )  
Hospital. )

Douglas Brookman and R. E. Thomas for applicant;  
Charles H. Metzger, protestant, in his own behalf.

O P I N I O N

Applicant seeks authority to extend its present route, between Oxnard and Camarillo, from the intersection of East Fifth Street & Lewis Road, along Lewis Road and State Hospital Road to the Camarillo State Hospital, a distance of approximately four miles, and to consolidate said operation with its present authorized routes so as to enable applicant to establish and operate a direct service from Los Angeles to said hospital, via Hollywood, Santa Monica, and Oxnard.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles on October 5, 1949. Evidence having been adduced the matter was submitted for decision.

It is proposed to operate one round trip on Sunday only, using as much equipment as necessary to take care of visitors and others desiring to travel to and from said institution. Additional week-day schedules will be established only if and when a sufficient demand develops to justify the added service.

The time of departure from Los Angeles, and return from the hospital, will be determined by the visiting hours which are from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Existing schedules will be re-arranged so that passengers southbound from points north of Oxnard can make a direct transfer to the hospital line at Oxnard. Similar arrangements will be made for the accommodation of passengers on the return trip from the hospital for passengers bound for points north of Oxnard.

The proposed service has been requested by hospital authorities. It appears that a direct Sunday schedule, as proposed, will provide an adequate service for most of the hospital visitors that must now use public transportation. There is no evidence that a week-day schedule is required or would be patronized to the extent necessary to justify such operation.

Protestant's objections to this application are that the application was filed after his application for a somewhat similar service (see Opinion in Application No. 30424); that it is a type of specialized service that a small operator like himself can perform more satisfactorily; that a service on week days is also required; and that, if applicant were granted the operating authority which it seeks by this application, protestant's future plans to expand in the vicinity of the hospital and Oxnard would be jeopardized. The applications do not have the similarity requisite for determination upon priority of filing, and there is no substantial evidence in this proceeding to support the remaining contentions. In his Application No. 30424, protestant failed to present that quantum of evidence deemed necessary to establish a need for a regular scheduled week-day service.

In our opinion, applicant's proposed service will meet the present requirements for a direct service and as applicant is the existing operator in the territory, the application will be granted.

As applicant operates other schedules between Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Oxnard, it will be expected to operate the Camarillo State Hospital service primarily for persons desiring transportation to said hospital and provide accommodations for all who may desire such transportation.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and hereby finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Pacific Greyhound Lines, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons between the intersection of East Fifth Street & Lewis Road and the State Hospital, situated approximately five miles southerly of the town of Camarillo, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, applicant's present operative rights.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with the following service regulations:

- (a) Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof.
- (b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order 93-A by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, Pacific Greyhound Lines, a corporation, shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the intersection of East Fifth Street & Lewis Road, approximately one mile southerly of Camarillo, thence along Lewis Road and State Hospital Road to the State Hospital.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1949.

R. J. Induray  
Justice J. Calmes  
James H. Lowell  
Harold J. Hulse  
Thomas H. Potter  
COMMISSIONERS