Decision No. 44331

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES for authority)
to transport passengers, baggage, and)
express, over an alternate routc)
between North Stockton Junction and)
South Stockton Junction.

Application No. 31438

OPINION

Pacific Greyhound Lines herein requests authority to operate its passenger stages over an alternate route on relocated U.S. Highway 99 east of Stockton. In that area a new freeway has been constructed for a distance of 5.3 miles, by-passing the business district of Stockton.

Applicant alleges that it is to the advantage of its passengers and in the public interest that such of its operations as are not required to pass through its Stockton terminal be rerouted over the relocated U. S. Highway 99, thereby avoiding traffic congestion in the City of Stockton.

The Department of Public Works of the State of California has recommended to the Commission in writing, in keeping with its general policy, that any authority granted herein provide that no passengers, baggage or express may be picked up or discharged on the section of the freeway involved herein.

Under the circumstances alleged, we find that public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

The Commission having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Greyhound Lines authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and their baggage, and express not exceeding 100 pounds in weight per shipment, to be transported on passenger carrying vehicles only, over the 5.3 mile section of the U.S. Highway 99 freeway east of the City of Stockton, between the junctions of the former U.S. Highway 99 and the present U.S. Highway 99 northeast and southeast of Stockton; provided, however, that no passengers, baggage or express may be picked up or discharged on the freeway. This certificate is granted as an extension of and is consolidated with applicant's present operative rights created by Decision No. 23244, in Application No. 16989.
- (2) That 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.

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

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