

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45583

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES }
for authority to abandon authorized bus }
operation between Leggett Valley and }
Fort Bragg. }

Application No. 32159

O P I N I O N

This is an application of Pacific Greyhound Lines for authority to abandon its passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Leggett Valley and Fort Bragg and intermediate points.

Pursuant to Decision No. 23244, dated December 31, 1930, in Application No. 16989, a certificate of public convenience and necessity was issued in lieu of all operating authority theretofore granted to applicant and its predecessors in interest. Thus by various orders of the Commission, all of said operations have been consolidated into a single system.

Decision No. 44782, dated September 11, 1950, Application No. 31737 authorized applicant to reestablish service between Petaluma and Leggett Valley via Two Rock, Fort Bragg and Rockport, the segment between Rockport and Leggett Valley being authorized on a seasonal basis to be operated between approximately June 15 and September 15 of each year.

In support of justification for the proposed abandonment, applicant alleges that in the conduct of the all-year operations between Rockport and Fort Bragg, since resumption of service in October 1950, there has not been a sufficient number of passengers

traveling between these termini, and points intermediate thereto, to return out-of-pocket costs for the driver of the bus on the one schedule which has been operated daily in each direction. As an example, the average total of daily passengers per schedule for all distances December 8 to December 14, 1950, inclusive, was one passenger southbound and 1.6 northbound. During the period, there were only 396 passenger miles traveled, or 28.3 passenger miles per schedule of 28 miles, amounting to a gross passenger revenue of approximately 2 cents per bus mile.

Applicant has submitted a statement indicating that 101 passengers were handled between Fort Bragg and Rockport during the month of November 1950, or an average of 3.4 passengers per day. This is an average of 1.7 passengers per 28-mile schedule.

The operation between Fort Bragg and Leggett Valley has been under the observation of the staff of the Commission's Transportation Department for some time. All efforts to put the operation on a revenue producing basis have failed. This service is a continuation of the Petaluma-Fort Bragg service and because of its low revenue per mile, it was jeopardizing the Petaluma-Fort Bragg service. Accordingly, and effective February 14, 1951, the carrier reduced the Fort Bragg-Rockport service from a frequency of one round trip daily to one trip weekly.

From a consideration of the facts herein, it would appear, and we so find, that the applicant is not warranted in continuing the service which it seeks to discontinue. The application to abandon will therefore be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines is hereby

authorized to discontinue and abandon passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers between Leggett Valley and Fort Bragg, and intermediate points;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority heretofore vested in Pacific Greyhound Lines by Decision No. 36823, dated January 18, 1944, in Application No. 25929, to operate between Leggett Valley and Fort Bragg as a segment of the operating authority to operate between Rockport and Petaluma, as granted to Coast Line Stages, Inc., by Decision No. 34300, dated June 10, 1941, in Application No. 23698, and which was authorized to be acquired by Pacific Greyhound Lines by Decision No. 36823, is hereby cancelled and annulled;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority heretofore vested in Pacific Greyhound Lines by Decision No. 41546, dated May 4, 1948, in Application No. 29273, to operate between Rockport and Leggett Valley, as amended by Decision No. 41757, dated June 22, 1948, in Application No. 29273, is hereby cancelled and annulled;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority heretofore vested in Pacific Greyhound Lines by Decision No. 44782, dated September 11, 1950, in Application No. 31737, to operate between Leggett Valley and Fort Bragg, as a segment of the operating authority to operate between Leggett Valley and Petaluma, is hereby cancelled and annulled;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this authorization be, and it hereby is, made subject to the following service regulations:

(1) Applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice of the discontinuance of service by posting notices in

all coaches operating on the line involved and at all stations affected.

(2) Within 60 days from the effective date hereof applicant shall comply with the provisions of General Orders Nos. 79, 80 and 98 by filing appropriate tariffs and timetables.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of April, 1951.

R. J. [unclear]
Justus J. [unclear]
Harold [unclear]
Francis [unclear]
John E. [unclear]
COMMISSIONERS