

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45801

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES)
for authority to operate buses in excess) Application No. 32371
of thirty-five feet in length in urban)
and suburban service.)

O P I N I O N

Pacific Greyhound Lines in the above-numbered application requests authority pursuant to Section 697.1 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, as amended, to operate motor coaches in excess of 35 feet but not over 40 feet in length on certain of its local lines in the San Diego area, as follows:

- a. Between San Diego and the International Boundary of United States and Mexico.
- b. Between Chula Vista Junction and Otay Junction.
- c. Between San Diego and Overhead Bridge.
- d. Between County Road Junction and the International Boundary of United States and Mexico.
- e. Between Otay and San Ysidro.
- f. Between U. S. Auxiliary Air Station (formerly Camp Miramar) and San Diego.
- g. Between Linda Vista Junction and San Diego.
- h. Between San Diego and Del Mar Race Track.
- i. Between San Diego and La Jolla Junction.

Applicant alleges that these routes are characterized by peak load conditions at certain times of the day and/or spasmodically on certain days, which conditions make it necessary to operate extra sections on these routes or, in some cases, to load the buses beyond their seating capacity when the company does not have sufficient advance notice of the additional traffic.

The present buses operating on these routes seat from 37 to 45 passengers, whereas the proposed 40-foot buses will seat 53 passengers and their use will enable applicant to operate this service in a more efficient manner than at present.

It appears that such longer motor coaches have been authorized by this Commission for operation over certain routes of Key System Transit Lines, Los Angeles Transit System, Asbury Rapid Transit System, Pacific Electric Railway Company, and Gibson Lines.

Commission engineers have investigated the proposed routes and find no conditions between San Diego and San Ysidro that would make the operation of the longer buses hazardous.

The Department of Public Works has reported a similar conclusion for the State highways involved in this application; however, it raises the question as to whether the routes are in reality "urban and suburban service" within the meaning of Section 694(g) of the Vehicle Code. ⁽¹⁾

It appears that the area between San Diego and San Ysidro (Mexican Border) is built up almost the entire distance and that a 10 or 15-minute roadway is provided by applicant throughout the day.

For these reasons it appears that the service between San Diego and San Ysidro is "urban and suburban service." However, there might be some question as to whether the other routes proposed in this application, viz., "f," "g," "h," and "i" are in reality "urban and suburban service," therefore an order will be granted covering the service between San Diego and San Ysidro, and the matter of the service on the other routes will be left for a public hearing.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines is authorized to operate motor coaches not to exceed 40 feet in length over the following routes and between

(1) "Urban and suburban service referred to herein means a service similar to that performed by streetcars in frequent stop service, or service performed as an extension of or in lieu of streetcar service, provided such service is performed in full or in part in an area either wholly within business or residential districts or municipalities, or between business districts, residential districts, and municipalities in close proximity; provided, however, the one-way route mileage of such service shall not be more than twenty-five miles."

the points specified.

(a) Between San Diego and the International Boundary of United States and Mexico:

From San Diego, over U. S. Highway 101 to junction County Road (County Road Junction), thence over County Road to junction Main Street (Otay Junction), thence over Main Street to junction National Avenue (Overhead Bridge), thence over National Avenue to Walnut Avenue to Tiajuana Road, to San Ysidro Boulevard to junction U. S. Highway 101, thence over U. S. Highway 101 to the International Boundary of United States and Mexico (San Ysidro Port of Entry).
Length of Route: 16.7 Miles.

(b) Between Chula Vista Junction and Otay Junction:

From junction of U. S. Highway 101 and E Street, Chula Vista (Chula Vista Junction), over E Street to junction Third Avenue, thence over Third Avenue, Chula Vista, to Fourth Street, Otay, to Main Street, Otay, thence over Main Street, to Otay Junction.
Length of Route: 5.1 Miles.

(c) Between San Diego and Overhead Bridge:

From San Diego, over authorized urban routes to Harbor Drive to Taft Avenue to Bay Boulevard to Industrial Boulevard to National Avenue to junction Main Street (Overhead Bridge).
Length of Route: 10.8 Miles.

(d) Between County Road Junction and the International Boundary of United States and Mexico:

From County Road Junction, over U. S. Highway 101 to the International Boundary of United States and Mexico.
Length of Route: 2.0 Miles.

(e) Between Otay and San Ysidro:

From Otay, over Fourth Street to junction County Road, thence over County Road to junction U. S. Highway 101, thence over U. S. Highway 101 to junction Averil Drive, thence over Averil Drive to San Ysidro.
Length of Route: 4.7 Miles.

subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Motor coaches to be purchased pursuant to this order shall be new modern equipment.
- (2) Said equipment shall be designed in such a manner as to reduce noise, fumes, and odors to a practical minimum, and shall contain forced ventilation.

- (3) Plans of said motor coaches shall be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order.
- (4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission in writing when such motor coaches are first placed in service.
- (5) The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year after the effective date of this order, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, Cal., California, this 5th day of

June, 1951.

A. J. [Signature]
Harold [Signature]
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Commissioners