

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47152

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Petition of Yreka Western Railroad)
Company, a corporation, for authority) Application No. 33181
to discontinue service.)

O P I N I O N

In this application Yreka Western Railroad Company requests authority to discontinue its passenger stage operation between Montague and Yreka, alleging a complete lack of demand for such service by applicant.

The operative right involved was granted in Decision No. 16458, dated April 10, 1926, on Application No. 12531, and included the pickup and delivery of passengers and hand baggage between and within those points, said service to be coordinated with the train service of applicant.

This operation has, since its inception, consisted primarily of the transportation of passengers and baggage between Yreka and Southern Pacific Company trains stopping at Montague.

Pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Decision No. 46494, dated December 4, 1951, in Application No. 32494, the Southern Pacific Company was authorized to discontinue all regular rail passenger service on this line between Black Butte and the Oregon State Line near Hilt, with the provision that a substitute service be provided by motor coach to points along U. S. 99 and by a detour through Montague, which is not served by U. S. 99.

Pacific Greyhound Lines has been granted a certificate to extend its service between Montague and Yreka, over the identical route now used by applicant, thereby taking care of any local needs.

With this arrangement in effect there will be no need for the service now provided by applicant.

During the present bus strike, however, the Pacific Greyhound Lines has, of course, not been operating and Southern Pacific, for the duration of the strike, will continue to furnish passenger service between Dunsmuir and Ashland through Montague. When Pacific Greyhound Lines resumes operations, this train operation will be discontinued and any need for Yreka Western Railroad service will likewise disappear.

In view of these circumstances it seems quite clear that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been made as above entitled and the Commission finding that public convenience and necessity so require, IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That Yreka Western Railroad Company is authorized to discontinue its passenger stage service between Montague and Yreka as authorized by Decision No. 16458 in Application No. 12531.
- (2) That the operative right created by said Decision No. 16458 and acquired by applicant pursuant to authority by Decision No. 26708 in Application No. 19145 is hereby revoked and annulled.
- (3) That applicant shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice of the abandonment herein authorized by posting notices on all buses on the line involved, and by cancelling tariffs and time schedules on said line.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of May, 1952.

[Signature]
 PRESIDENT
Justin J. Cassner
Harold A. Huls
Rennett Patton
John E. Mitchell
 COMMISSIONERS