

Decision No. 52261**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES )  
 for authority to discontinue and aban- )  
 don bus service between Crockett and )  
 Crockett Junction. )

Application No. 36981

O P I N I O N

In the above-entitled proceeding Pacific Greyhound Lines requests authority to discontinue passenger stage service between Crockett and Crockett Junction. Crockett Junction is the intersection of the route to and from Crockett on U. S. Highway 40 at the southerly bridgehead of the bridge over the Carquinez Straits. The operations of applicant over the route proposed to be abandoned have long been conducted solely with schedules operated between Crockett and Vallejo via Crockett Junction, according to the application. It is asserted that no other service for many years has been operated over the route proposed to be abandoned. These schedules have been operated at such times as requested by Southern Pacific Company. The service was provided under a guarantee by which the Southern Pacific Company reimbursed applicant for all expenses incurred in the operation of such schedules, including a specified percentage thereon as a management fee to the extent that such expenses should exceed the transportation revenues derived from the operation. This guarantee arose out of the desire of the Southern Pacific Company to afford motor vehicle transportation between Crockett and Vallejo for its rail passengers.

The schedules operated to provide that service have received very limited patronage and, as a result, the losses incurred

thereby, and which the Southern Pacific Company has been required to assume pursuant to the guarantee, have been so great that the company has requested applicant to discontinue the service. It is asserted that applicant has been informed by Southern Pacific Company that the latter's representatives have informed the Mayor, City Manager and Councilmen of the City of Vallejo, officials of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and of the C. & H. Sugar Company at Crockett of the proposal to have the service discontinued, none of whom has voiced any opposition. Exhibit 3 attached to the application indicates that the total passenger revenue from the operation for the year 1954 and first three months of 1955 amounted to \$1,928.11 and \$36.33 received for the transportation of express. This total revenue amounted to \$1,964.44. Total operating expenses for the same period are shown to have been \$14,486.16, the net loss from the operation being \$12,521.72. The addition of the management fee paid by the Southern Pacific Company, amounting to \$1,448.62, resulted in a total cost to the latter of \$13,970.34.

An inspection by the Transportation Division of the Commission disclosed that as of a particular date, June 1, 1955, applicant operated four round trips between its Vallejo depot and Crockett, 10 passengers being transported in one direction and 11 in the other. The passenger revenue for these trips amounted to \$3.15 for 41 miles of operation, for which the driver received \$21.57 wages. It is reported to the Commission by Southern Pacific Company that it has advised city officials of Vallejo and the other parties above referred to that an on-call taxicab service would be inaugurated between the Southern Pacific Company's stations at Crockett and Vallejo at no increase over the prevailing tariff rates for the present service. This taxicab service, as it would be guaranteed by

the company at an anticipated out-of-pocket loss, would be provided in connection with main-line trains in the place of the present guaranteed Greyhound bus schedules.

After full consideration of the evidence submitted in support of applicant's request, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the service provided by applicant between Crockett and Vallejo and its proposal to discontinue that service will be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Pacific Greyhound Lines is hereby authorized to discontinue passenger stage service over Route No. 4.08 between Crockett and Crockett Junction within not less than thirty days from the effective date hereof, provided that public notice thereof shall be posted, for not less than ten consecutive days next preceding the discontinuance of such service, in all equipment of applicant operated between Crockett and Vallejo and in the depots of applicant and Southern Pacific Company at Crockett and at Vallejo. Proof of such postings shall be furnished the Commission within not less than five days from the discontinuance of such service.

2. That Appendix A of Decision No. 47907 in Application No. 31883 is hereby amended by including therein Second Revised Page 17 which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

3. That, within sixty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the

public, applicant shall file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, appropriate tariffs and timetables reflecting the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1955.

W. E. Bush President  
Justice S. Craves  
Paul L. Lintner  
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Commissioners

