

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 53045

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES )  
 under the provisions of Section 454 of )  
 the Public Utilities Code to establish )  
 a special fare between Travis Air Force )  
 Base and San Francisco resulting in a )  
 technical increase in fares. )

Application No. 37937

O P I N I O N

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code, Pacific Greyhound Lines seeks authority to establish a special joint one-way adult fare of \$2.65 between Travis Air Force Base and San Francisco. If authorized, the proposed fare would be established in connection with the passenger stage operation of Horace Simmons, doing business as Vaca Valley Lines, who operates between Travis Air Force Base and Fairfield. The latter point, common to both operations, is one of the transfer points of the traffic involved. Such traffic is principally military personnel, their dependents and a large amount of baggage arriving daily at Travis Air Force Base from overseas military bases. Representatives of the personnel have complained of the present service which requires several transfers en route causing unreasonable delays. The delays are aggravated by the fact that present bus schedules are designed to serve regular traffic and are ill suited to the special requirement of the military personnel. The proposed fare would apply to the transportation of passengers and their baggage in special buses operating in through non-stop express service between the Air Force Base and San Francisco. The present bus service between this Base and San Francisco would remain available at the present one-way charge of \$1.55.

As applicant possesses no operative authority between the Travis Air Force Base and Fairfield, as does Horace Simmons, it is planned to provide the proposed special through service under an equipment interchange agreement between applicant and Simmons. Under the agreement (Exhibit D attached to the application) Simmons would have full control and custody of applicant's equipment and drivers while operating between the points covered by his certificate, As a participating carrier Simmons would receive his full local fare of 30 cents as his division of the proposed special through fare of \$2.65.

Applicant asserts that the average load factor expected in the proposed special service will be at such a level that the higher fare proposed is necessary to avoid a loss in conducting the operation as planned. No return traffic is expected to be available.

Copies of the application have been served upon the City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and other parties. No protest has been received.

After full consideration of all the evidence of record the Commission finds that the proposed increased fare is justified and that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of the through service between Travis Air Force Base and San Francisco as proposed. Because of the urgency found to exist the following order will be made effective as of its date.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, the Commission having found that the proposed fare is justified and that public convenience and necessity require establishment of the service as proposed,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Pacific Greyhound Lines, in connection with Horace Simmons, doing business as Vaca Valley Lines, be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, a one-way adult fare of \$2.65 for the transportation of passengers between Travis Air Force Base and San Francisco, subject to the governing rules and regulations set forth in the application filed in this proceeding.

(2) That Pacific Greyhound Lines and Horace Simmons may execute the equipment interchange agreement attached to the application herein as Exhibit D.

(3) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized fare is made effective within sixty days after the effective date of this order and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1956.

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Commissioners