

Decision No. 532SS

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of CONTINENTAL PACIFIC LINES for)	
authority under the provisions)	Application No. 38137
of Section 454 of the Public)	
Utilities Code to increase fares.)	
(Special Service Charge))	

OPINION AND ORDER

Continental Pacific Lines operates a passenger stage service between various points in the State of California. By this application it seeks authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to establish, in connection with certain of its operations between San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Redding and Yreka, special service charges to be applicable on two designated schedules.¹ It also requests authority to establish the proposed charges on July 1, 1956, on less than statutory notice.

The application shows that the two schedules to which the proposed service charges would apply will be operated with new specially-designed, luxury-type equipment; that express-type service will be provided, and that all seats will be reserved. It also shows that the following de luxe service and comfort features are to be provided on the buses in question:

- (a) Attending stewardesses,
- (b) Lavatory facilities on board the equipment,
- (c) Blankets and pillows furnished without charge and on request, and
- (d) Snack bar providing sandwiches, soft drinks, and coffee on request without charge.

¹ The proposed service charges range from 50 cents to \$1.75. The charges and rules and regulations applicable thereto are set forth in detail in the application. They would apply in addition to the present passenger fares.

Applicant's other schedules will continue to be operated with conventional equipment and services and at no change in fares.

Applicant states that it is inaugurating this special service in an effort to regain a substantial volume of traffic lost in recent years to private automobiles, streamlined coach-fare train service, air-coach travel, and first-class rail and air services. Applicant asserts that it has made a study of the cost involved in maintaining this service and has found that the proposed service charges will recover only the cost of the special services. It points out that by Decision No. 52376 of December 20, 1955, in Application No. 37556, Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., of which Continental Pacific Lines is a wholly owned subsidiary, was authorized to establish, for a temporary six-month period, special service charges on certain of its schedules. Applicant states that those special services have proven successful and that authority to continue them on a permanent basis has been sought.²

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection to its being granted has been received.

Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances, it is concluded that the proposed charges are justified. So that applicant may establish the special service charges as soon as possible, the following order will be made effective on the date hereof and authority will be granted to establish the charges herein. authorized on less than statutory notice.

² Authority to continue the special service charges on a permanent basis was granted to Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., by Decision No. 53248 of June 19, 1956, in Application No. 37556.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

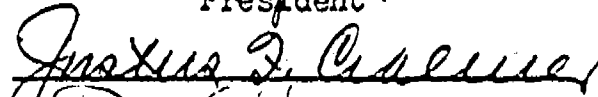
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Continental Pacific Lines be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and the public, the special service charges as specifically set forth in the application filed in this proceeding.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

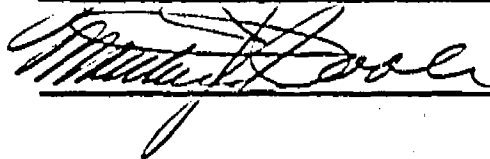
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of June, 1956.



President







Commissioners