

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 50843

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES	}	Application No. 37814
for authority to cancel its schedules		
of operation between Watsonville and		
Gilroy over California Highway 152		
(Hecker Pass Highway) and to abandon		
operating authority for this operation.	}	

Douglas Brookman, for applicant. —

O P I N I O N

In the above-entitled proceeding Pacific Greyhound Lines requests authority to discontinue passenger stage service between Watsonville and Gilroy over California Highway 152 (Hecker Pass). A public hearing was held thereon before Examiner Leo C. Paul at Gilroy on August 13, 1956, and the matter was submitted.

Although appropriate notices of the hearing in this proceeding were posted at applicant's stations and in the equipment used in the service involved no one appeared in opposition to applicant's request. The evidence indicates that until December 1955, applicant operated Schedule No. 228 eastbound from Watsonville to Gilroy via Hecker Pass over State Route 152; that westbound Schedule No. 227 was and still is operated from Gilroy to Watsonville via Chittenden Road Junction; that during December 1955 floods caused by severe rainstorms destroyed a bridge along said State Route 152 between Watsonville and Gilroy; that thereupon applicant diverted said Schedule No. 228 from said State Route 152 to the route via Chittenden Road Junction and that no operation has been conducted over said State Route 152 since December 1955 notwithstanding that a temporary detour about five miles in length was constructed around the destroyed bridge.

The evidence also indicates that abandonment of operations and discontinuance of Schedule No. 228 via State Route 152 and cutting back Schedule No. 227 to terminate at Chittenden Road Junction instead of at Gilroy would enable applicant to save about 14 miles of vehicle operation daily at a nominal saving of approximately \$1.40 a day.

A witness who had driven Schedules 227 and 228 continuously for the two and one-half years next preceding the destruction of the bridge aforementioned stated that during all that time no passenger ever used the service of Schedule No. 228 to any point on Route 152 intermediate to Watsonville and Gilroy and that not to exceed one passenger each month, on the average, was picked up at any point intermediate to Watsonville and Gilroy. According to the witness and other evidence, service between Watsonville and Gilroy via Chittenden Road Junction would remain unaffected.

This record clearly shows a complete termination of public use of and need for applicant's service over State Route 152 via Hecker Pass between Watsonville and Gilroy. The request to abandon the operation and discontinue Schedule No. 228 will be granted.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon and it having been shown that public convenience and necessity no longer require passenger stage service between Watsonville and Gilroy via California State Route No. 152,

(1) IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines is hereby authorized to discontinue Schedule No. 228 and abandon passenger stage service between Watsonville and Gilroy via California State Route 152 and the operative right therefore described as Route No. 14.19 between Watsonville and Gilroy and appearing at First Revised

Page 42 of Appendix A as most recently described in Decision No. 50715 is hereby revoked.

(2) That Appendix A of Decision No. 47907 in Application No. 31883 is hereby amended by including therein Second Revised Page 42 which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

(3) That within sixty days after the date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall file in triplicate and concurrently making 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 1st day of OCTOBER, 1956.

[Signature]
President

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Commissioners

- 14.13 - Between Santa Cruz and Monterey:
Over Sequel Avenue to Morrissey Boulevard thence
over California Highway 1 to Monterey.
- 14.14 - Intentionally left blank.
- 14.15 - Intentionally left blank.
- 14.16 - Intentionally left blank.
- 14.17 - Between Rob Roy Junction and Watsonville via Freedom:
Over unnumbered highway.
- 14.18 - Between Rob Roy Junction and Watsonville via Camp McQuaide:
Over unnumbered highway to be operated on call
for 25 or more adult fares.
- *14.19 - Intentionally left blank.
- 14.20 - Between Hollister and Watsonville:
Over California Highway 156 to junction U. S. Highway
101 (Chittenden Road Junction), thence over unnumbered
highway via Chittenden.

Issued by Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

*Changed by Decision No. 5384B, Application No. 37814.

Correction No. 148.