

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 54001

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES)	
for authority to cancel certain of its)	Application No. 37794
passenger stage schedules between)	
Santa Paula and Ventura.)	

Douglas Brookman, for applicant.
Jack Cronin, Secretary of the Santa
 Paula Chamber of Commerce, protestant.

O P I N I O N

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Santa Paula on August 14, 1956, before Examiner L. C. Paul and the matter was submitted.

The evidence shows that applicant desires to discontinue the operation of one pair of passenger stage schedules which provide a daily round-trip service between Santa Paula and Ventura and intermediate points. It was shown that a number of years ago the City of Ventura established and conducted a local passenger transportation service between Ventura and Santa Paula and other points. In April 1949 the City of Ventura began reducing this service with the ultimate view of its total abandonment. It no longer conducts such service between Ventura and Santa Paula. At the time the City began reducing its service Pacific Greyhound Lines, the applicant herein, established four round-trip schedules which provided local service only in and between Santa Paula and Ventura. Thereafter, as applicant's local traffic between Santa Paula and Ventura showed a continuing decline, applicant discontinued these local schedules until but one now remains which it desires to discontinue.

Applicant also operates three other passenger stage schedules on a daily round-trip basis, which have origins and destinations at Ventura and Los Angeles and operate through the Santa Clara Valley serving Santa Paula, Fillmore and other points. There is no proposal to discontinue any of these through schedules at this time, which

will continue to provide local service between Santa Paula and Ventura and intermediate points.

According to the evidence applicant made a check of the use of its Schedules No. 4059 and 4060, which it desires to discontinue, during a selective week of April and of June, 1956, which showed that a total of 191 passengers used these schedules, the average being 6.85 passengers per trip (Exhibit 2). An earlier similar check in November 1955 and January 1956 showed that these schedules transported a total of 209 passengers which averaged 7.46 passengers per trip. During the first six months of 1956, 2,828 passengers used these schedules which resulted in a revenue of \$752. This revenue amounted to an average of \$0.115 per bus mile (Exhibit 3).

The witness for applicant said any one of the three schedules which would continue operation between Ventura and Los Angeles via Santa Paula would be able to handle all of the traffic now using these schedules which it desires to discontinue. The witness pointed out that use of the schedules involved has continued to decline during all of the time those schedules have been in operation.

While a representative of the Santa Paula Chamber of commerce opposed applicant's proposal, he offered no substantial evidence to justify such position. His principal objection was that the earliest schedule operating from Santa Paula to Ventura would leave the former point at 10:55 a.m. and arrive at Ventura at an hour which would be useless to Santa Paula residents who might be called upon to perform jury service at Ventura.

After full consideration of all the evidence of record we find that applicant's proposal to discontinue Schedules Nos. 4059 and 4060 between Santa Paula and Ventura is justified and will be authorized.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, the matter having been heard and submitted, and the Commission being fully informed therein,

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Greyhound Lines is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of its passenger stage Schedules Nos. 4059 and 4060 operating between Santa Paula and Ventura, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That applicant shall post an appropriate notice of discontinuance of the service herein authorized for a period of at least fifteen days next preceding such discontinuance, said notice to be posted in all of its buses presently serving and operating between Ventura and Los Angeles via Santa Paula and in its stations at Santa Paula and Ventura.
- (b) That an affidavit of such posting shall be filed with the Commission within ten days after the date of the posting.
- (c) That within twenty days after the effective date hereof applicant shall prepare and file with the Commission, in triplicate, appropriate 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 30th day of OCTOBER, 1956.

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 President

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Commissioners

Commissioner JUSTUS F. CRAEMER being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.