

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 57650

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE GREYHOUND )  
 CORPORATION for authority to )  
 re-establish charges for bridge )  
 tolls on the Carquinez Bridge. )

Application No. 40532

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a passenger stage corporation engaged in the transportation of passengers, baggage and express generally throughout the State of California. By this application it seeks authority to re-establish charges of \$2.60 per month for commutation fares and to add three miles to the distances used in computing all one-way fares for bridge tolls on the Carquinez Bridge, located on U.S. Highway No. 40.

The applicant states that the toll charges applicable to vehicles crossing the Carquinez Bridge were eliminated in 1945; that applicant reduced its fares accordingly; and that on or about November 15, 1958, a new parallel bridge over the Carquinez Straits will be completed at which time tolls for vehicles crossing both the old and new Carquinez Bridges will be reinstated.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant asserts that it has many vehicles operating over this bridge daily, and that the bridge tolls incurred from maintaining these schedules will be substantial; that re-establishment of charges to cover these tolls would be consistent with arrangements for similar transportation over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

The application states that the proposed charge for the commutation fares is the same as applicant eliminated from its tariff in 1945 when the Carquinez Bridge tolls were removed; and that its proposal to add three miles to the distances used in computing

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<sup>1</sup> The tolls will be \$1.00 for two-axle buses and \$1.25 for three-axle buses.

all one-way fares is in accordance with the rule established by this Commission for application by applicant and other intercity carriers who use the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge.

An investigation by the Commission's staff develops that in conjunction with the opening of the new parallel bridge a new freeway between San Pablo and the bridge has recently been constructed; that approximately one-half of Greyhound's schedules operating over the Carquinez Bridge will be operated over the new freeway; and that such re-routing reduces the actual highway miles by 2.6 miles per schedule as compared to the old route. The staff recommends that applicant be authorized to add 1.5 miles to the distance used in computing the one-way fares in question instead of three miles as proposed.

Certain of the commutation fares currently maintained between San Francisco and Vallejo provide the lowest available fare basis for commutation between some points west of the bridge. The establishment of tolls for buses crossing the bridge does not constitute a sufficient justification for increasing the fares of passengers who do not ride these buses across the bridge.

The application, modified as recommended by the staff, will be granted, subject to suitable conditions as hereinafter specified. A public hearing is not necessary. The establishment of the increased fares on two days' notice will be authorized.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the Greyhound Corporation is hereby authorized, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public,

to establish the increased commutation and one-way and round-trip fares as set forth in this application subject to the following conditions:

(a) The one-way fares are authorized to be increased by adding not to exceed one and one-half miles to the mileage used as the basis for computing such fares.

(b) No increase shall be made in monthly commutation fares between San Francisco and Oakland, on the one hand, and Crockett Junction and intermediate points, on the other hand. Applicant shall maintain, by publication of separate fares, or otherwise, the existing fares between San Francisco and Oakland on the one hand, and Crockett Junction and intermediate points on the other hand.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1958.

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 President

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Commissioners