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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of S. L. LINES, INC., for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate motor coach passengers and baggage service between Los Angeles, Calif., (MIRA LOMA INSTALLATION) and Lancaster, California.

Application No. 40585

In the Matter of the Application of THE GREYHOUND CORPORATION for authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation from Lancaster to Mira Loma Facility.

Application No. 40733

Dexter L. Lewis for applicant S. L. Lines, Inc.,
Application No. 40585, and protestant in
Application No. 40733.

John D. Maatta for applicant The Greyhound Corporation, Application No. 40733, and protestant in Application No. 40585.

Samuel J. Triola for Antelope Valley Bus, Inc.;
William C. Buttemere for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; William J. Valentine for self; interested parties.

William F. Hibbard for the Commission's staff.

OPINION

A public hearing in the above-entitled matters was held in Lancaster before Examiner Mark V. Chiesa. The matters having been consolidated for hearing and oral and documentary evidence having been adduced, they were submitted for decision.

The record shows that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department maintains a detention facility approximately six miles west from the community of Lancaster, known as the Mira Loma Facility, housing approximately 875 persons including 75 tubercular patients. Said prisoners are permitted visitors on Saturdays, Sundays, and

some holidays. A captain from the Sheriff's Office testified that there is a need for a public transportation service from Los Angeles, particularly on Sundays and probably on Saturdays for the convenience of relatives and friends who wish to visit with persons detained there. The Greyhound Corporation now operates between Los Angeles and Lancaster, however, present schedules do not coincide with visiting hours. Upon the evidence of record we find that there is a need for a direct public transportation service between Los Angeles and said facility.

Proposed services are somewhat comparable as is shown by the following data:

| | S. L. Lines, Inc. | | The Greyhound Corporation | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Distances between Los Angeles and Facility | Via Burbank - approximately 80 miles | | Via Hollywood - 78 miles | |
| <u>Fares</u> (exclusive of tax) | O.W. | R.T. | <u>o.w</u> . | <u>R.T.</u> |
| From Los Angeles "Burbank "San Fernando | \$2.45 2.12 1.79 | \$4.40 3.86 3.27 | \$2.33 | \$4.20 |
| | | V.2. | (intermediate point fares based on current mileage scale on file with this Commission) | |
| Schedules * | Leave L.A. 9 a.m. | Arrive Facility 12:30 p.m. | Leave L.A. 9 a.m. | Arrive Facility 12:20 p.m. |
| | Leave Facility 3:15 p.m. | Arrive L.A. 6:15 p.m. | Leave Facility 3:45 p.m. | Arrive L.A. 6:12.p.m. |
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^{*} Meal and rest stop will be made by each applicant.

Location of L.A. Terminal

803 Macy Street

6th and Los Angeles Streets Either applicant is financially responsible and is capable of rendering the service if authorized. S. L. Lines, Inc., proposes to operate Sundays, Saturdays, and holidays when visitors are admitted, provided that at least 13 passengers want transportation. On the other hand, The Greyhound Corporation proposes service each Sunday regardless of the number of passengers desiring transportation. The record indicates that in the case of the service of the S. L. Lines, Inc., it would be necessary or desirable for prospective passengers to make some arrangement with the carrier for notification in the event the service would not be operated. The Greyhound service would definitely be available on Sunday which, according to the testimony, is the principal visiting day. In the event that a sufficient demand develops for a Saturday service Greyhound is willing to provide it.

We find upon the entire evidence of record that public convenience and necessity require that a passenger stage service between Los Angeles and the Mira Loma Facility, situated near Lancaster, be established. The service as proposed by The Greyhound Corporation, for the present, would be adequate, and as it is now rendering service between Los Angeles and Lancaster the application of The Greyhound Corporation will be granted (Section 1032 of the Public Utilities Code). The application of S. L. Lines, Inc., will be denied.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to The Greyhound Corporation authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons between Lancaster and the Mira Loma Facility along the route as more specifically described in Appendix A, Original Page 34A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, as an extension of its present operating authority between Los Angeles and Lancaster.
- (2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with the following service regulations:
 - a. Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, applicant is placed on notice that it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with and observe the safety rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98. Failure to file such reports, in such form and at such time as the Commission may direct, or to comply with and observe the provisions of General Order No. 98, may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

- b. Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, The Greyhound Corporation shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, tariffs and timetables satisfactory to the Commission.
- (3) That Application No. 40585, S. L. Lines, Inc., a corporation, be and it hereby is denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4/1/2 day of Aul, 1959.

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Appendix A

The Greyhound Corporation (a corporation)

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The Greyhound Corporation, by certificate granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport persons over and along the following route, subject to the conditions and restrictions as hereinafter set forth:

13.17 - Between Lancaster and Mira Loma Facility:

From Lancaster, over California Highway No. 138 to Mira Loma Facility.

Scheduled service shall consist of at least one round trip each Sunday.

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