

Decision No. 59615**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE GREYHOUND CORPORATION )  
 under the provisions of Section 454 of )  
 the Public Utilities Code to establish a )  
 special fare between Travis Airforce Base ) Application No. 41736  
 and Metropolitan Oakland International )  
 Airport, resulting in a technical )  
 increase in fares. )

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application, filed December 9, 1959, The Greyhound Corporation seeks authority under the provisions of Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to establish a special joint one-way adult fare of \$3.05 between Travis Airforce Base and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport. The proposed fare would be established in connection with the passenger stage operations of Horace Simmons, doing business as Vaca Valley Lines, who operates between Travis Airforce Base and Fairfield, and of Oakland International Airport Limousine Service, a corporation, which operates between Oakland and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport. Both of these carriers join in the application. At present passengers travel between Travis Airforce Base and Fairfield by Vaca Valley Lines, between Fairfield and Oakland by Greyhound, and between Oakland and the airport by the Limousine Service. The present bus service would remain available at the combination one-way fare of \$2.67. The proposed joint fare of \$3.05 would apply to the transportation of passengers and their baggage in special buses operating in through non-stop express service between the Airforce Base and the Oakland Airport.

The application shows that a large number of passengers, consisting of military personnel and their dependents, arrive daily at Travis from overseas bases en route to points throughout the United States. A number of these passengers require transportation from Travis to the Oakland Airport, from which point they use various commercial airlines to their final destination. Military officials have complained of the present service which requires several transfers en route causing unreasonable delays. Also, the present schedules are designed to serve regular traffic and are not suited to the special requirements of the military personnel.

Greyhound proposes to use its buses and drivers in the special through service under interchange agreements between the three carriers involved. Under the agreements (Exhibit D attached to the application) Simmons and Airport Limousine Service would have full control and custody of Greyhound's equipment and drivers while operating between the points covered by their respective certificates. As participating carriers Simmons and Airport Limousine Service will each receive a division of the proposed special fare.

Applicant asserts that the average load factor expected in the proposed through service will be at such a level that the higher proposed fare is necessary to avoid a loss in conducting the operation as planned. Applicant also states that it is expected that loads will be especially light on one leg of the round trip.

Copies of the application have been served upon the cities and counties involved. No protest has been received.

In view of the circumstances here involved we are of the opinion, and so find, that the proposed increased fare is justified

and that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of the through service between Travis Airforce Base and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport as proposed. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. In view of the urgent need for the proposed service, the order which follows will be made effective in ten days.

Therefore, good cause appearing.

IT IS ORDERED:

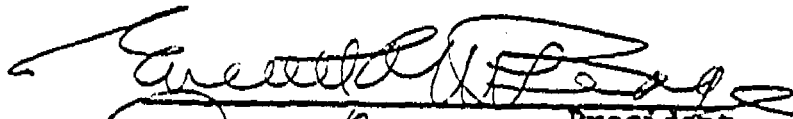


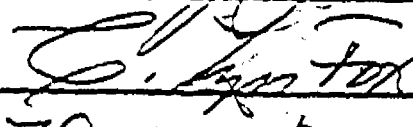
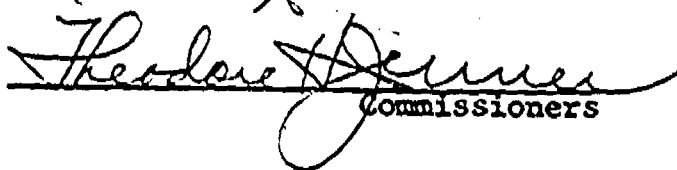
(1) That The Greyhound Corporation, in connection with Horace Simmons, doing business as Vaca Valley Lines, and Oakland International Airport Limousine Service, be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, a one-way adult fare of \$3.05 for the transportation of passengers between Travis Airforce Base and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, subject to the governing rules set forth in the application filed in this proceeding.

(2) That The Greyhound Corporation may execute the equipment interchange agreements, attached to the application herein as Exhibit D, with Horace Simmons and with Oakland International Airport Limousine Service.

(3) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1960.

  
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