

Decision No. 60043

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE GREYHOUND CORPORATION for authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to establish a special-service charge with respect to specified operations between San Francisco and Los Angeles, resulting in an increase in fares. )  
Application No. 42119

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed April 6, 1960, The Greyhound Corporation seeks authority to establish, on less than statutory notice, a charge of \$1.00 per trip, to be applied, in addition to the regular fare, on certain special-service schedules between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The special-service schedules, to be instituted in addition to and not in lieu of the schedules currently operated, will incorporate the following features:

- (a) A daily special luxury express bus service will be instituted between San Francisco and Los Angeles over both the coast and valley routes.
- (b) One trip will be operated daily in each direction on each route.
- (c) Stops will be made to receive or discharge passengers only at Hollywood on the coast route and at Glendale and Oakland on the valley route.
- (d) Meal stops will be made at Paso Robles on the coast route and Fresno on the valley route.
- (e) No other stops will be made.
- (f) The service will be operated over the shortest possible available routes, using the available freeways and limited-access highways to the greatest extent possible.
- (g) The service will be operated with new buses of the latest type, equipped with reclining chairs, new type picture windows, and lavatory.

(h) All transportation will be sold on the advanced reserved seat basis, with specific seats assigned according to the passenger's choice.

(i) Free pillows will be provided for all passengers.

Applicant asserts that the proposed service charge is intended only to reimburse it for the direct and indirect expenses and liabilities to be incurred because of the special services offered. It is contemplated that, on its institution, most of the traffic to be transported under this proposal will be drawn from applicant's present patronage. Applicant believes, however, that once it is established and properly advertised, such type of service will eventually so appeal to many who are now using private automobiles for such transportation, that the use of such special type of service will be preferred, and that the added patronage will fully compensate for the proposed addition of these extra schedules with the contemplated special-service charge.

In view of all of the circumstances it appears and the Commission finds, that the proposed charge is justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. However, applicant will be expected to take steps to insure that the public is adequately informed of the special features of the proposed service and additional charge, as distinguished from the present service which is to be continued at regular fares.

In order that the proposed service may be inaugurated without delay, this order will be made effective on the date hereof and authority will be granted to establish the charge herein authorized on less than statutory notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

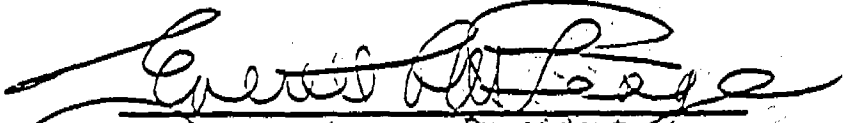
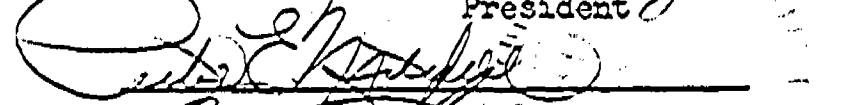
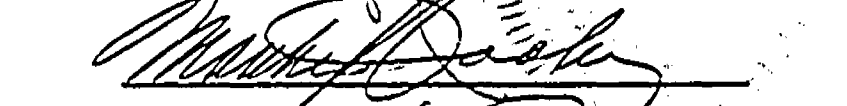
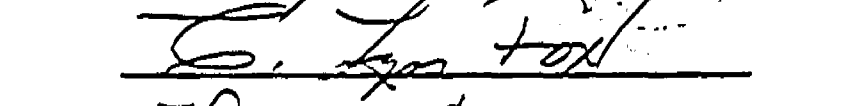

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That The Greyhound Corporation is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the special-service charge as proposed in the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within 90 days after the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1960.

  
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