

Decision No. 65588**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation to determine whether )  
 provisions of General Order No. 98 )  
 relating to timetable filings by )  
 passenger stage corporations should )  
 be amended. )

Case No. 7294  
 (Filed March 13, 1962)

Russell and Schureman by Carl H. Fritze, for  
 Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., American  
 Buslines, Inc., Continental Pacific Lines and  
 Gibson Lines; Waldo K. Greiner, for San Diego  
 Transit System; A. B. Allen, for Suburban Transit  
 Lines; Frederick G. Pfrommer, for Atchison, Topeka  
 and Santa Fe Railway Company; William T. Meinhold,  
 for The Greyhound Corporation (Western Division)  
 and George H. Hook, for Pacific City Lines, Inc.,  
 protestants.

Donald F. Auld, for Airport Service, Inc., and  
Donald C. Atkinson, for City of San Jose,  
 interested parties.

B. A. Peeters, for the Commission staff.

### O P I N I O N

This is an investigation on the Commission's own motion instituted to determine (1) whether passenger stage corporations should be required to serve notice of all timetable changes on all City Councils and Boards of Supervisors of cities and counties affected and (2) whether the present notice required in the case of any reduction of service or of any change which would effect a reduction in the amount of service rendered at any point along the route should be increased from 10 days to 20 days.

The suggested changes were submitted to all passenger stage corporations operating in the State by letter dated September 15, 1961. There was a uniform opposition to both changes by those companies, operating under regular schedules, which responded. Consequently,

similar notice was given to the League of California Cities and to the County Supervisors Association of California. The latter association indicated no interest in the proposed changes and the League of California Cities merely suggested that should the changes be made the various city councils could delegate to an appropriate administrative officer the authority to make an investigation and present objections to the revised schedule if the investigation warrants such objection.

On March 12, 1963, notice of hearings was duly served on all the interested parties and upon the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors Association of California. Hearings were held before Examiner Rowe in San Francisco on April 17, 1963 and in Los Angeles on April 24, 1963. On the latter date the matter was duly submitted for decision.

The passenger stage corporations which appeared all opposed the proposed changes in General Order No. 98. They took the position that no notice other than that presently given to the Commission and to the public was required or was desirable; that this Commission is the only public body vested with authority to consider and act upon schedule changes by passenger stage corporations; that to require notice to other affected public bodies would amount to an imposition upon them as they have no authority concerning the matter and do not have employees with expert knowledge or training to properly assist this Commission in its functions. The carriers expressed the further view that the personnel of this Commission has in the past handled and in the future will continue to handle such problems wisely and well. They also were of the opinion that the present 10 days' notice is ample and that any lengthening of this period would adversely affect them and unduly delay many needed and urgent schedule changes.

The City of San Jose was the only public body which appeared in this investigation. The City offered no evidence and suggested no reasons why the proposed changes were advisable or would be beneficial to the City. The Commission staff did not recommend the adoption of the proposed changes. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that no changes should be made in General Order No. 98 relating to timetable filings by passenger stage corporations, and that the investigation in Case No. 7294 should be discontinued.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the investigation in Case No. 7294 is hereby discontinued.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1963.

George J. Hoover  
President  
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Frederick B. Holshoff  
William M. Burdick  
Commissioners