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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 TRANSCONTINENTAL BUS SYSTEM, INC.,)
 AMERICAN BUSLINES, INC., and)
 CONTINENTAL PACIFIC LINES,)
 for permission to deviate) Application No. 45476
 from Section 3.08 of Part 3)
 and Section 18.03 of Part 18,)
 of General Order No. 98, which)
 require the use of buzzers and)
 destination signs in the perfor-)
 mance of passenger stage corpo-)
 ration service within California.)

ORDER

The applicants seek permission to deviate from Section 3.08 and 18.03 of General Order No. 98 requiring the use of buzzers and destination signs in the operation of passenger stage corporation service within California. Section 3.08 of General Order No. 98 provides as follows:

"3.08. Bell Cords or Buzzers. Every passenger stage seating thirteen (13) or more persons, and every trolley coach, shall be equipped with a bell cord or buzzer which will enable any passenger to signal the driver when a stop is desired."

Section 18.03 of General Order No. 98 provides as follows:

"18.03. Route and Destination Signs Required. Every passenger stage and trolley coach shall display a destination sign visible from the front of each such vehicle, and in addition, when operating in urban service, shall display a route letter or number on both the front and the right-hand side of each of such vehicles near the entrance door."

Applicants allege that they do not conduct any urban service in California and for this reason that portion of Section 18.03, which requires the display of route letters or numbers is inapplicable to their operations. They further allege that due to their type of operations, which is almost exclusively intercity over freeways and

expressways without pick-ups or discharges of passengers at intermediate points along the highways there is no need for bell cords or buzzers or for destination signs on the buses.

Members of the Commission staff have reviewed the proposal as well as the operations of the applicants and recommend that the application be granted. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., American Buslines, Inc., and Continental Pacific Lines are hereby authorized to deviate from Sections 3.08 and 18.03 of General Order No. 98, and to operate passenger stages over all of their lines in California which do not contain buzzers or destination signs as required by said sections of General Order No. 98.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 1963.

William J. Bennett
President

Arthur E. Mitchell

Robert W. Ragan

George J. Grover

Fredrick B. Hallock
Commissioners