

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 71629

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of:)
)
 TRANSCONTINENTAL BUS SYSTEM, INC.,)
 a Delaware corporation;)
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 AMERICAN BUSLINES, INC.,)
 a Delaware corporation;)
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 CONTINENTAL PACIFIC LINES,)
 a California corporation; and)
)
 GIBSON LINES, a California)
 corporation, for authority)
 to increase one-way and)
 round trip intrastate passenger)
 fares pursuant to Sections 454)
 and 491 of the Public Utilities)
 Code.)

Application No. 47847
 (Petition for Modification
 Filed October 17, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants seek authority to publish certain increased fares between points competitive with Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Western Greyhound Division) (Greyhound). By Decision No. 70407 dated March 1, 1966, in this proceeding, applicants were granted authority to increase their local and joint one-way and round trip point-to-point fares based on a mileage scale.¹ However, authority to establish fares between points at which they are competitive with Greyhound to or from branch line points based on combinations of fares over junction and mainline points, and to publish certain other fares based on combinations over mainline points, was neither sought nor granted.

¹ Gibson Lines is involved only in connection with joint fares.

For some years, applicants' point-to-point mileage fares have been uniform with those of Greyhound between common points served. Decision No. 70407, supra, stated that such uniformity is necessary because past experience has demonstrated that an increase in Greyhound fares without corresponding increase in the fares of applicants results in increased losses because the increase in the volume of traffic due to a disparity in fares does not offset the added cost of operation.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicants should be authorized to publish fares based on combinations over junction and mainline points on the level authorized Greyhound by Decision No. 69539 in Application No. 46904 and that increases resulting therefrom are justified. The Commission concludes that the petition for modification should be granted as hereinafter provided. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., American Buslines, Inc., Continental Pacific Lines and Gibson Lines are authorized to increase fares between points competitive with Greyhound Lines, Inc., to levels granted Greyhound by Decision No. 69539 in Application No. 46904. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date hereof on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. In all other respects Decision No. 70407 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of November, 1966.

President
George T. Crover

Frederick B. Halbach

William T. Bennett

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Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.