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Decision No. 74590

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GREYHOUND LINES, INC.)
(WESTERN GREYHOUND LINES DIVISION), for)
an order authorizing the elimination of)
commutation fares and increases in com-)
mutation area casual fares.)

Application No. 49658
Petition For Modification
Of Decision No. 74519
(Filed August 13, 1968)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 74519 in this proceeding, dated August 13, 1968, authorized Greyhound Lines, Inc., Western Greyhound Lines Division, (Greyhound) to increase its fares in commutation areas. The earliest date the increased fares can be made effective is September 2, 1968. Greyhound seeks authority to establish the increased fares on September 1, 1968.

In support of this request the petition recites the following: Greyhound's present commutation tariffs provide for the sale of: (a) monthly commutation books, in its Contra Costa and Vallejo services, containing coupons for one ride in each direction daily for the month for which sold; and (b) twenty-ride commutation books, in its Marin and Peninsula services, valid for transportation during the month in which sold and the next succeeding calendar month. Unless the modification requested herein is granted the fare relief authorized by the Commission will in substantial part be delayed for a period of thirty days or more beyond September 2. This will be due to the fact that persons would purchase monthly tickets for use in the Contra Costa and Vallejo services for the month of September during the last

week in August, or on the 1st day of September, at the old fare level (monthly books are available for purchase during the last week of the preceding month). Similarly, multiple numbers of twenty-ride tickets for use in Marin and Peninsula services could and would be purchased valid for transportation to and including the 31st day of October. By advancing the effective date of the tariffs containing authorized increased fares, Greyhound would receive the immediate benefit of the relief granted for the Contra Costa and Vallejo services since all commutation tickets for use on and after September 1 would be sold on the basis of the new fares. As applicable to Marin and Peninsula commutation fares, all new tickets sold on and after September 1 would be at the new authorized fares while tickets sold during the month of August, would be honored through September 30. The Commission finds this request is reasonable, and concludes that the sought authority should be granted.

Greyhound's petition also requests modification of Decision No. 74519 with respect to construction of round-trip fares. Said decision provides: "The tariff rule for round-trip fares may be amended to exclude one-way fares of \$1 or less". It is Greyhound's position that this portion of the order effectively establishes a minimum round-trip fare in commutation services of \$2.00 (double the one-way fare of \$1.00) and authority is requested to establish an exception to rules presently contained in its local tariffs to so provide. The petition states that unless the relief sought is granted, the round-trip of a one-way fare of \$1.05 would be \$1.89; the round-trip of a \$1.10 one-way

fare would be \$1.98, while the round-trip of a \$1.00 one-way fare would be \$2.00, an obvious violation of the long- and short-haul provision of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code. Greyhound believes the modification proposed will achieve the intent of the decision without violating said Section 460. After consideration, although there is a question as to whether a violation of Section 460 will actually result, the Commission finds that long- and short-haul relief should be granted to maintain the fares at levels prescribed in Decision No. 74519, rather than to further revise said fares as requested in the petition herein.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ordering Paragraph 5 of Decision No. 74519 is amended to the extent necessary to permit tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order in said decision to be filed on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public and to become effective on September 1, 1968.

2. Greyhound Lines, Inc., (Western Greyhound Lines Division) is hereby authorized to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code with

respect to round-trip fares authorized to be established pursuant to the order in Decision No. 74519. Schedules containing said fares shall make reference to Decision No. 74519 and to this decision.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of AUGUST, 1968.

William Symons, Jr.
President
John E. L. Loh
Raymond

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett

Present but not participating.

Commissioner Fred P. Morrissey, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.