

Decision No. 80269

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of KNICKERBOCKER TOURS,  
INC., a corporation, under Section  
1031 of the Public Utilities Code for  
a certificate of public convenience  
and necessity to operate as a passenger  
stage corporation in sightseeing  
service.

Application No. 51056  
(Filed May 5, 1969)

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Attorney at Law, for Knickerbocker Tours, Inc.,  
applicant.  
Loughran, Berol & Hegarty, by Frank Loughran, Attorney  
at Law, for The Gray Line Tours Company, protestant.  
Lloyd C. Young, for the Commission staff.

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This is an application by Knickerbocker Tours, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Knickerbocker) which seeks passenger stage operating authority for sightseeing purposes in the following areas near Los Angeles: Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Playa Del Rey.

A duly noticed public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Donald B. Jarvis in Los Angeles on November 25, 1969, December 17, 18, 1969 and January 14, 1970. The matter was submitted on the last mentioned date.

As noted above, The Gray Line Tours Company (hereinafter referred to as Gray Line) appeared as a protestant to the application. During the period this application has been pending before the Commission, Gray Line has had pending Applications Nos. 49177, 49980 and 50434, in which Knickerbocker appeared as a protestant. In Application No. 49177, Gray Line seeks authority to serve the same areas for which Knickerbocker seeks authority herein.

This application has been held in abeyance because the Commission was of the opinion that it should be decided at the same time as the Gray Line applications. (See Proposed Report of Examiner Donald B. Jarvis in Applications Nos. 49177, 49920 and 50434, filed December 10, 1971, at pp. 37-38, 52.)

On June 21, 1972, Knickerbocker filed Application No. 53411 which seeks authority to cancel and abandon all of its passenger stage operating authority. It has also filed herein a request that this application be dismissed. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 51056 is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 18th day of JULY, 1972.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Brown  
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Commissioners