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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE GRAY LINE TOURS)
COMPANY for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to extend)
operations as a passenger-stage)
corporation. }

Application 60098
(Filed November 20, 1980)

INTERIM OPINION

The Gray Line Tours Company (applicant) requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Public Utilities Code Section 1031 to conduct sightseeing-tour operations. Applicant proposes to operate the following service:

Guided sightseeing-tours of the points of interest in the City of Los Angeles, Hollywood, and Beverly Hills, with the foreign language narration appropriate to the nationality of the particular passengers carried.

A protest alleging that the proposed tours will have a substantial adverse impact on the residential streets of the City of Beverly Hills was filed by the City of Beverly Hills on December 16, 1980.

In Decision (D.) 93726 in Applications 59818 et al. issued November 13, 1981, we found that sightseeing-tour service over a loop is not that of a passenger stage corporation. However, the portion of that decision completely eliminating our regulation over sightseeing-tour carriers will not become effective until after judicial review.

We announced in D.93726 that during this transitional period we would grant pending applications ex parte with temporary operating authority upon a showing that applicant has adequate public

liability insurance. Accordingly, we will grant this application. The Gray Line Tours Company must file evidence of the required minimum insurance coverage set by General Order 101 before operations begin.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposed operations are sightseeing-tour service over a loop.

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Conclusion of Law

Temporary operating authority should be granted; since there is an alleged need for the proposed service and liability insurance set by General Order 101 will be required before operations begin, the following order should be effective today.

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Gray Line Tours Company is granted a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate over the routes proposed in the application until further order of the Commission and is assigned Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC) No. 522. A permanent certificate prepared by this Commission may be issued by a final order.

2. Applicant shall:

a. File a written acceptance of this authority within 30 days after this order is effective.

- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in its tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

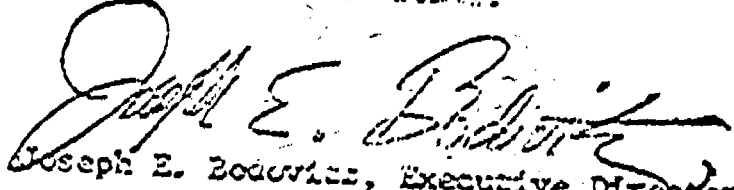
Dated FEB 17 1982, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD D GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
Commissioners

Commissioner JOHN F. MURPHY

Present but not participating.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Zedovics, Executive Director