

Decision No. 88890 MAY 31 1978

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GREYHOUND LINES, INC. for authority to revise, modify, and abandon specific routes of Route Group 11, Contra Costa County and to concurrently therewith discontinue related regular route operations. }

Application No. 55135

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision 83674, dated October 29, 1974, Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) was authorized to discontinue its Contra Costa commute service as of June 30, 1975. By subsequent supplemental orders, the last of which was Decision 88233, dated December 13, 1977, the time was extended to June 30, 1978.

The first ordering paragraph of Decision 88233 provides that a further order of the Commission shall permit Greyhound to discontinue its midweek Contra Costa-San Francisco commute service July 1, 1978, provided that an adequate substitute service will be provided by local transit.

The Commission has received from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission a letter setting forth the findings of the MTC staff's study of alternative service to Greyhound Contra Costa commute service. Briefly, these findings are:

1. The BARTD system does presently have the capacity to adequately accommodate current Greyhound passengers.
2. Actual BARTD capacity should increase in the future as system reliability improves.
3. The geographic coverage of existing local transit feeder services does provide an adequate replacement for the collection/distribution portion of Greyhound commute service.
4. The service frequencies of these local transit feeder

services (generally about 30 minutes) do not provide an adequate replacement for the collection/distribution of Greyhound commute service.

The MTC further states that the service frequency increases in local transit feeder services cannot be implemented before October 1, 1978 and requests this additional time.

The Commission has received several protests regarding the discontinuance of Greyhound commute service between Contra Costa and San Francisco. The protestors have not presented arguments different from those presented orally, by letters and/or by petitions at the hearings held October 18, 1977. The Commission considered the protests at that time in its Decision No. 88233.

F I N D I N G S

1. Greyhound should be authorized to discontinue its Contra Costa-San Francisco Monday through Friday commuter operations on Monday October 2, 1978.
2. The protestants have not presented substantive evidence to warrant additional hearings on this matter.
3. Greyhound will continue its present scheduling for Sunday service as required by Decision 88233, dated December 13, 1977.
4. No further order is required from the Commission in this Application.

C O N C L U S I O N S

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has acknowledged its responsibility to the residents of Contra Costa County, the patrons of Greyhound. The MTC has requested a three-month extension of Greyhound service to October 1, 1978. The purpose of the extension is to allow time to improve service frequencies of local transit feeder service.

The protestants have not presented views differing from those offered at the hearings on this matter and considered by the Commission in its Decision 88233 issued December 13, 1977.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) may discontinue its present T, R, Y, and X Schedules between Contra Costa and San Francisco on weekdays (Monday through Friday) Monday October 2, 1978
2. On the effective date of this order herein and on not less than fifteen days' notice to the Commission and the public, Greyhound may cancel Cal. P.U.C. No. 1013 (Local Passenger Tariff Series No. 103) and Cal. P.U.C. No. 1014 (Local Passenger Tariff Series No. 104).
3. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order and on not less than ten days' notice to the public, Greyhound shall amend its timetables to reflect the changes authorized in Paragraph 1.
4. Greyhound shall prominently display in its San Francisco terminals and Contra Costa County depots notices of the reduction or discontinuance of any service as authorized herein. Such notices shall be posted at least fifteen days prior to any reduction or discontinuance of service.
5. Greyhound also shall give notice of the discontinuance of its weekday commute service by placing printed notices on seats of its commute buses on each westbound and each eastbound schedule operated by it at least ten days before termination of commute operation. Such printed notices shall also include, to the extent such information is available, details of the public transit district services that will replace Greyhound's weekday commute services.
6. Applicant shall continue its present passenger service between Stockton, Pittsburg and intermediate points, on the one hand, and San Francisco, on the other hand.
7. Greyhound shall continue its present Sunday schedules between Antioch and San Francisco through Pittsburg, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda and Oakland.

3. This concludes Application 55135.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of MAY, 1978.

Robert Bafumish
President
William J. Jones Jr.
Vernon L. Thompson
Charles P. Smith
Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.