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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 (Order Reopening filed September 6, 1978)

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

By Decision No. 89412 dated September 19, 1978, Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) was directed to continue its Contra Costa County commute service until October 16, 1978. By the same decision, Greyhound was permitted to adjust its schedules on an ongoing basis so that the load factors on the buses utilized in the commute operation are more in conformity with the maximum 90 percent load factor previously established by this Commission. Greyhound was also placed on notice that its recently filed application for a fare increase for the commute service would be given expeditious consideration.

By Decision No. <u>89488</u> dated October 3, 1978 in Application No. 58346, Greyhound was granted an increase in fares that, when considered with the savings resulting from higher load factors, will substantially reduce the cost of providing commute service between Contra Costa County and San Francisco.

The Commission concludes, therefore, that Greyhound should continue its Contra Costa commute service until December 31. 1978.

Any diminution of traffic that Greyhound may experience as a result of the fare increase should be compensated for by further adjustment of schedules in conformity with the 90 percent load factor requirement.

It is our understanding that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and Greyhound Lines, Inc. are discussing ways of continuing this operation in the future. Therefore, we will request a report to this Commission by October 31, 1978 on the progress and status of the negotiations.

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Greyhound Lines, Inc. shall continue service between San Francisco and Contra Costa County until December 31, 1978.
- 2. Greyhound shall report to this Commission by October 31, 1978 on the status of and progress being made in negotiations for continuation of service with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District.
- 3. If the Commission is informed that the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's facilities are capable of handling additional trains between Contra Costa County and San Francisco, the Commission by further order shall permit Greyhound Lines, Inc. to discontinue its mid-week Contra Costa County-San Francisco commute service.

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