

Decision No. 30382

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of The Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd.,
for permission to increase the fare
for transportation from Los Angeles
to Death Valley and return. }

Application No. 21567

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd., a corporation, seeks authority under Section 63 of the Public Utilities Act to increase from \$25.00 to \$35.00 the fare for a four day motor tour from Los Angeles to Death Valley and return.¹ Applicant alleges that the present fare was decided upon when the service was inaugurated about three years ago with a view to stimulating travel, but that the experiment proved unsuccessful and has resulted in a loss since its inception. The round trip distance is 800 miles through a territory in which operating conditions are said to be severe. Seven passenger limousines or sixteen passenger busses are used the choice depending upon the number of passengers to be transported. The average load is said to be about fifty per cent of the capacity of the equipment. In a financial statement submitted with the application, revenue for the three year period is shown as \$5,037.35, cost of operation \$5,123.54, leaving an operating deficit of \$86.19.

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The present fare is published in Item No. 27 of applicant's Local Passenger Tariff C.R.C. No. 11. The tour is known as Tour No. 23. It is conducted from November 1st to April 30th of each year.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, hotels, and travel bureaus have been informed of the proposal and offer no objection.

It appears that this is a matter in which a formal hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant The Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd., be and it is hereby authorized to increase from \$25.00 to \$35.00 the fare for tour No. 23 from Los Angeles to Death Valley and return.

Applicant shall publish and file the fare herein authorized in the manner provided for in the Commission's established rules.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of

Nov., 1937

Nathan Mayer
Leon C. Whittell
Frank R. Devine
Robert W. Johnson
Ray & Wiley
Commissioners.