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Decision No. 50732

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Angelo Bonzi, an individual doing business as SERVICE BUS LINE, for an increase in passenger fares and freight rates.

Application No. 35817

<u>OPINION</u>

Applicant Angelo Bonzi, doing business as Service Bus
Line, presently rendering a passenger stage service between Stockton,
Linden, Bellota, Farmington, Escalon, Modesto, Empire and Hughson
and intermediate points, requests authority to increase passenger
fares by 5 cents and express rates by 10 cents per shipment.

Applicant alleges that he transported 17,754 passengers and 3000 shipments during 1953; that had the requested increase been in effect during said period it would have resulted in a net income of only \$2,569.57; and that said figure does not make any allowance for drivers' wages although service is provided 14 hours a day, six days a week.

A study by the Commission's staff estimates that for the rate year ending June 30, 1954 applicant will lose \$3,822 under present fares and rates and \$2,662 under those proposed. Said figures include provision for wages for applicant.

Notice of the proposed increases was served upon the Cities of Stockton and Modesto, and upon the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Stanislaus and San Joaquin.

Upon consideration the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that the increased fares and rates have been justified.

ORDER

Application having been filed and the Commission being informed in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That Angelo Bonzi doing business as Service Bus Line is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the increased fares as proposed herein.
- (2) That applicant is hereby directed to post and maintain in his vehicles a notice of the increased fares herein authorized. Such notice shall be given not less than five days prior to the effective date of such fares, and shall be maintained for a period of not less than thirty days.
- (3) That the authority herein granted in paragraph (1) shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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