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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) TRANSCONTINENTAL BUS SYSTEM, INC.,) for authority under the provisions of Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase fares.

Application No. 37556 (First Supplemental)

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

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Decision No. 52376 of December 20, 1955, in this proceeding, authorized Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., to establish special service charges in connection with a deluxe express service.¹ The charges were established for a six-month experimental period which expires June 30, 1956.² Applicant now seeks authority to continue the special service charges on a permanent basis.

The supplemental application states that the special service schedules have been favorably received by the public, and that these schedules are continuing to experience an improved load factor. A revenue and cost analysis attached to the supplemental application shows that applicant has experienced a recovery of costs incident to the provision of the special services. The Commission's staff has made a study of the operation in question and recommends the granting of the sought authority.

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the supplemental application. No objection to its being granted has been received.

The authority was granted for the temporary period so that applicant could determine from actual experience the costs incurred in providing the special services.

The special service charges apply on four designated schedules operated between San Francisco, Oakland, Merced, Fresno, Bakersfield and Los Angeles. They range from 50 cents to \$1.50.

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Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances, it is concluded that the sought authority is justified. The supplemental application will be granted. Inasmuch as the authority expires on June 30, 1956, the order will be made effective on the date hereof and applicant will be authorized to amend its tariff on less than statutory notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Decision No. 52376 of December 20, 1955, in this proceeding, authorizing Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., to establish special service charges be and it is hereby amended by eliminating the expiration date set forth therein.

(2) That applicant be and it is hereby authorized to amend its tariffs, on not less than five days' notice, to reflect the authority herein granted.

In all other respects said Decision No. 52376 shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of June, 1956.

Commissioners