

Decision No. 62975**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
George A. Grinestaff, doing business
as BENICIA-VALLEJO STAGE LINE, to
increase fares for transportation of
passengers between Benicia & Vallejo
& points thereof.

Application No. 43711
(as amended)

O P I N I O NApplicant's Request

By this application filed August 25, 1961, and amended September 20, 1961, George A. Grinestaff, doing business as Benicia-Vallejo Stage Line, requests authority to increase passenger fares for bus service which he operates in and between the Cities of Benicia and Vallejo and between Benicia and Mare Island and to modify his rules pertaining to fares. In the following comparison of present and proposed fares the present point-to-point fares have been translated to the proposed zones so that they may be compared with the proposed zone fares.

	<u>Adults</u>		<u>Children</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>One-Way Fares:</u>				
Within any one zone	15¢	20¢	10¢	15¢
Between any two zones	25¢	30¢	15¢	25¢
Between any three zones	35¢	40¢	20¢	30¢
<u>Round-Trip Tickets:</u>				
Between three zones	60¢	75¢	35¢	55¢
<u>Weekly Commute Tickets:</u>				
Between three zones	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$1.25	\$1.75
<u>Special Commute Tickets:</u>				
Benicia - Mare Island	\$2.00	\$2.50	None	None

Zone Boundaries:

Zone 1 - From Terminus in Benicia to "K" Street and California State Legislative Route No. 74.

Zone 2 - From "K" Street and California State Legislative Route No. 74 to Home Acres Way and California State Legislative Route No. 74.

Zone 3 - From Home Acres Way and California State Legislative Route No. 74 to Terminus in Downtown Vallejo.

Notice to Public

At the time of filing the amendment on September 20, 1961, applicant posted notices of the filing and the effect of the application as amended in its buses, and applicant has mailed copies of the application and amendment to the Cities of Benicia and Vallejo and to Solano County. No protests to the proposed fare increase and proposed rules and regulations have been received.

Staff Investigation

A Commission staff engineer prepared a memorandum report respecting the operations of applicant which includes fare comparisons, estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares, and his recommendations to the Commission. This report has been submitted to the Commission and it is hereby made a part of this record and designated Exhibit No. 1. Exhibit No. 2 which is also made a part of this record is a memorandum giving the exact description of the State highway to which reference is made in Exhibit No. 1.

Results of Operations

Exhibit No. 1 shows that if applicant continues to operate under the present fare structure during the rate year ending October 31, 1962, he will suffer an estimated loss of \$1,890. Applicant is negotiating a school contract with a group of parents of parochial school students in Vallejo. Exhibit No. 1 further shows

that under the proposed fares and excluding the pending school contract, the operation during this same rate year will produce an estimated net income of \$460, an operating ratio of 97.8 percent and a rate of return of 7.3 percent. Under the proposed fares and including the pending school contract the operation during the rate year ending October 31, 1962, will produce an estimated net income of \$340, an operating ratio of 98.6 percent and a rate of return of 3.2 percent.

Findings and Conclusions

We have considered the application and we find that a public hearing is not required. We find that the results of operation submitted by the staff are reasonable and should be adopted in this proceeding. We further find that the increases in fares and the rules and regulations requested in the application and herein authorized are reasonable and justified and that the present fares and rules and regulations in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed are for the future unjust and unreasonable.

O R D E R

George A. Grinestaff, doing business as Benicia-Vallejo Stage Line, having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing increased fares for transportation of passengers, and modification of rules and regulations, and based upon the evidence of record,

IT IS ORDERED that:

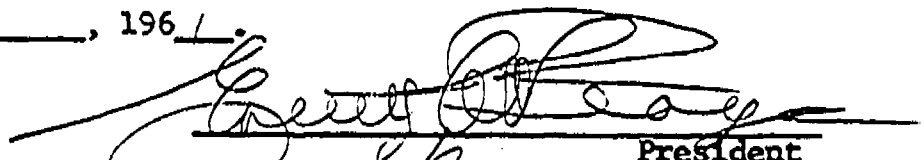
1. Applicant is authorized to increase his fares to the levels shown in Appendix A attached hereto and to modify his rules and regulations governing such fares in accordance with said Appendix A. Tariff publications authorized to be made as the result of the order herein may be filed not earlier than the effective date hereof and may be made effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

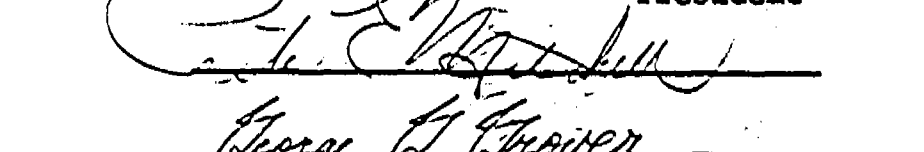
2. Applicant is hereby directed to post and maintain in his vehicles a notice of the increased fares and modified rules and regulations herein authorized. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days prior to the effective date of such fares and modified rules and regulations and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

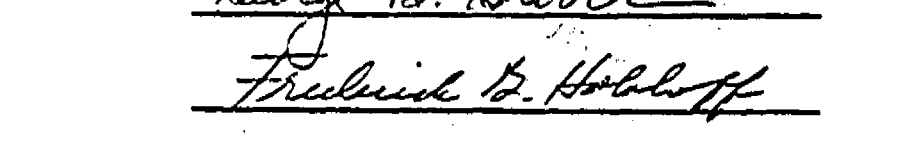
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of DECEMBER, 1961.



President


George T. Grover


Frederick B. Halbach

Commissioners

Commissioner C. Lyn Fox, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Appendix A to Decision No. 62975
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George A. Grinestaff
(doing business as Benicia-Vallejo Stage Line)

By authority of the decision noted above George A. Grinestaff, doing business as Benicia-Vallejo Stage Line, may increase its fares for passenger stage service in and between the Cities of Benicia and Vallejo and between Benicia and Mare Island to levels not exceeding the following:

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
<u>One-Way Fares:</u>		
Within any one zone	20¢	15¢
Between any two zones	30¢	25¢
Between three zones	40¢	30¢
<u>Round-Trip Tickets:</u>		
Between three zones	75¢	55¢
		<u>Children and School Children</u>
<u>Weekly Commute Tickets:</u>		
Between three zones	\$2.50	\$1.75
<u>Special Commute Tickets:</u>		
Benicia - Mare Island	\$2.50	none

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By authority of the decision noted above George A. Grinestaff, doing business as Benicia-Vallejo Stage Line, may adopt the following rules and regulations:

Date of Sale - Daily except Sundays and holidays.

Round-Trip Tickets - Limit of use, thirty days from date of sale.

Weekly Commute Tickets - Limited to five roundtrips within seven days from date of sale.

Special Commute Tickets - Limited to five roundtrips within seven days from date of sale. Good for transportation only on Mare Island authorized route via Military Highway.

Children - Children under five years of age carried free. Children over five and under twelve years of age pay children's fares.

School Children - Persons under 21 years of age attending any school through and inclusive of grade 14. School children's fares good only on regular school days.

Baggage - Hand baggage free.

Refunds - Tickets will be redeemed at the amount of purchase price if no portion of the trip has been made and ticket is valid as determined by the limitations of these rules and regulations.

Express and Parcel Rates - Between Vallejo and Benicia only:

Parcels under 25 lbs. . . .	25¢
Parcels over 25 lbs. and under 50 lbs.	50¢
Parcels over 50 lbs. and under 100 lbs.	\$1.00