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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of YOSEMITE PARK  
AND CURRY CO. for authority  
to make certain changes in  
its intrastate passenger  
fares, resulting in increases.

Application No. 46211  
(Filed February 19, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is a corporation operating concessions in Yosemite National Park. It conducts passenger stage operations between Fresno and Yosemite National Park (the Park) and between Merced and the Park pursuant to authority granted by decisions of the Commission in Application No. 21861. It also performs passenger service within the Park and between the Park and Lake Tahoe via Nevada.

Applicant is proposing to make the first general revision since 1945 of its passenger tariff applicable to the transportation of passengers and their baggage from, to and within the Park. The revisions include increases in some fares and reductions in others. It is also proposed to eliminate certain fares between points no longer served by applicant.

Applicant's operations between the Park and Lake Tahoe are regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The fares maintained by applicant for transportation within the Park are regulated by the National Park Service.

The two principal routes traversed by applicant are between Merced and the Park and between Fresno and the Park. No changes in fares are proposed with respect to the Merced route. With respect to the Fresno route, applicant proposes to simplify

its fare structure by setting forth fares between points outside the Park on the Fresno route to certain points in the Park on Highway 41 and separate fares from those points in the Park to off route points also in the Park. The changes in fare structure result in both increases and reductions. The proposed fares are set forth in exhibits attached to the application. By letter dated March 16, 1964, counsel for applicant directed attention to certain corrections that should be made in the exhibits.<sup>1/</sup> We deem the application to be amended accordingly.

Applicant need only comply with Section 491, Public Utilities Code to establish the reduced fares. The only increases involved result from the change in the fare structure on the Fresno route, and more particularly on a routing from Fresno via Big Trees. There are no protests to the fare changes. Applicant showed the number of passengers it transported during the year ended September 30, 1963 between points where it proposes to increase fares. The additional revenue it would have received for transportation between those points under the proposed fares amounts to \$91, giving no effect to the proposed reductions in fares.

We find that the proposed changes will simplify applicant's fare structure; that the effect of the proposed changes upon applicant's revenues and earnings will be insignificant; that the proposed increases are justified; and that a public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is authorized to establish the increased fares and rules proposed in Application No. 46211.

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<sup>1/</sup> The proposed round-trip fare from Fresno to Yosemite Valley via Big Trees is \$15.50 instead of \$16.50 and the proposed one-way fare between Bridgeport and Tioga Pass is \$3.25 instead of \$3.50.

Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date hereof on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

3. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in its buses and terminals a printed explanation of its fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of April, 1964.

William L. Dewitt  
President

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Frederick B. Helshoff

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Commissioners