

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 73048

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of DOUGLAS BUS LINES, INC., a corporation, for authority to increase rates for the transportation of passengers between various locations in Orange County and Los Angeles County and the Douglas Aircraft Plant in Long Beach, and between various locations in Orange County and Los Angeles County and the Autonetics Plant in Fullerton.

Application No. 49019  
(Filed December 8, 1966,  
Amended June 14, 1967)

O P I N I O N

Douglas Bus Lines, Inc., is a passenger stage corporation. It seeks authority to increase fares by approximately 13 percent. Copies of the application were served upon the cities and the counties served by applicant, and upon Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc. (Douglas), and Autonetics Division of North American Aviation, Inc. (Autonetics). Notice of the filing of the application, and the amendment, appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar. There are no protests.

Applicant's passenger stage operations consist of transporting the employees of the Douglas plant located in Long Beach and the employees of the Autonetics plant located in Fullerton between said plants and their homes located in various parts of Los Angeles County and Orange County. All fares charged are on a weekly basis; there are no one-way or round-trip fares.

Members of the Commission's Transportation Division and its Division of Finance and Accounts made a study of the operations and finances of applicant. The report of that study is received as Exhibit 1.

Financial statements appended to the application disclose that except for 1963 applicant has operated at a loss each year since 1961 and, under present fares, will continue to operate at a loss.

Exhibit 1 sets forth estimates of the operating results of applicant under present fares and under proposed fares for a rate year. The estimates are an operating loss of \$300 under present fares and a net income of \$7,400 under the proposed fares which would provide an operating ratio of 95.1 percent.

Exhibit 1 states that applicant's passengers have been notified of the proposed increases in fares. No objections or protests have been received by the Commission. The proposed increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

Exhibit 1 also discloses that applicant's postings to the general ledger are not made on a current basis and that entries made in its books are not in all respects in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts. The exhibit sets forth certain adjustments to recorded figures which we find are reasonable, and contains a schedule of depreciation of motor vehicle equipment which we find is reasonable for rate making purposes.

We conclude that the application, as amended, should be granted. We further conclude that applicant should be, and is, notified that the Commission has prescribed a uniform system of accounts for Class II motor carriers of persons to which applicant must comply.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Douglas Bus Lines, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 49019, as

amended June 14, 1967. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date hereof on not less than five 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1967.

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President  
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Commissioners