

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 74587

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of BAY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY, a  
corporation, for authority to  
increase certain rates and fares.

} Application No. 49978  
(Filed January 29, 1968;  
Amendment filed July 17, 1968)

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Bay Rapid Transit Company seeks authority to increase its rates for transportation of local passengers by eliminating the sale of tokens.

Applicant is engaged in business as a passenger stage corporation in transporting passengers, baggage and express, locally within and between Fort Ord Village, Asilomar, Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove. Applicant also provides a sightseeing service and also operates as a charter-party carrier of passengers.

Applicant's Local Passenger Tariff No. 1 provides that "tokens will be sold in lieu of cash fares on the following basis: 5 tokens for one dollar (\$1.00) to be good wherever 25¢ cash fare is applicable." Applicant seeks to eliminate this provision in its tariff. If the authority is granted applicant intends to amend Item 40(b) of its said tariff to provide for redemption of such tokens as may be outstanding at the time their use is discontinued. As amended, Item 40(b) will read as follows:

"Tokens heretofore issued will be redeemed to the person entitled to the refund at the original cost thereof, five for one dollar, less 25¢ for each token not returned if returned in quantities of less than five."

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Applicant alleges that this will provide for redemption of outstanding tokens in the identical manner in which tokens are presently redeemed under the existing language of Item 40(b) of said tariff.

Attached to the application is a study which reflects operating results for the year 1967. The study also projects the increased costs applicant expects this year and the anticipated incurred revenue should the authority be granted. The study shows that during 1967 applicant's operating ratio as to local passenger service was 97.3%. If the sought authority is granted applicant anticipates an operating ratio of 96.8% on this portion of its operation.

A report on the instant application was submitted by the Commission's Finance and Accounts Division and Transportation Division. The report is hereby made a part of the record as Exhibit 1. The report states that the local transit operation is operating at a loss and will experience an even greater loss in the future under present fares. The loss for the year July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969 is estimated to be \$7,990 under present fares. This would be reduced to \$3,303 under the requested fares.

The application was served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules. There are no protests.

After consideration the Commission finds that the increase resulting from the elimination of the token rate as proposed in the application is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Bay Rapid Transit Company is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 49978. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date hereof on not less than ten 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 ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1968.

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Commissioners

Commissioner Fred P. Morrissey, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.