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Decision No. 75106

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Joseph Ray Foster)
to make passenger and express rate)
increases necessary to maintain)
Passenger, Baggage, and Express)
service between Taft, California,)
and Bakersfield, California.)

Application No. 50326
(Filed June 17, 1968; Amendments
filed September 27, 1968,
October 21, 1968 and
October 24, 1968)

O P I N I O N

Joseph Ray Foster operates a passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Taft and Bakersfield pursuant to authority granted by Decision No. 61620 dated March 7, 1961, in Application No. 43070. By this application, as amended, Joseph Ray Foster seeks authority to increase passenger fares up to ten percent and express rates up to twelve percent.

The first amendment to the application contains a profit and loss statement for the year 1967. The statement discloses that during 1967 applicant had a net loss of \$1,612.98. Applicant expects additional revenue of \$1,524.72 if the sought increase is granted.

The Passenger Section of the Commission's Transportation Division has prepared a report which is hereby received as Exhibit 1 in this proceeding. The report shows an annual revenue of \$14,400 resulting in a net loss of \$1,000 under present fares. The report also shows a revenue of \$15,700 resulting in a net income of \$300 under proposed fares.

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

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After consideration the Commission finds that the increased fares and rates as proposed in the application are reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Joseph Ray Foster is authorized to establish the increased fares and rates proposed in Application No. 50326, as amended. 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 his buses and terminals a printed explanation of his 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 17th day of DECEMBER, 1968.

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

William J. Lyons, Jr.
President
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Paul P. Monahan
Commissioners