

Decision No. 75943**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of BAYSEL MOYERS, doing business)	Application No. 51067
as Moyers Stages, to increase)	Filed May 9, 1969
passenger fares and express rates.)	

O P I N I O N

Baysel Moyers, an individual doing business as Moyers Stages, operates a passenger stage service between Fresno and Sanger, Calwa, and Del Rey. He seeks authority to increase passenger fares by 5 cents and to increase local express rates. The proposed passenger fares represent an increase of about 12 percent and the increase in express rates is about 24 percent. Copies of the application were served upon the communities affected thereby and upon the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Notice of the filing of the application has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area served and has been posted by applicant in all of his buses and terminals. No protest has been received by the Commission.

Applicant asserts that although he was granted an increase in fares and express rates in July 1967 and the year 1968 showed a slight increase in the number of passengers, he is still operating at a loss and increases in the cost of operation make it impossible for him to continue the present service without immediate financial relief. He asserts that his local express rates, as set forth in Local Tariff No. 10, are less than those in Interline Tariff No. Z-14-B in which he participates along with Western Greyhound Lines and other carriers.

Exhibits appended to the application disclose a loss of \$1,075 from operations conducted during the first quarter of 1969. For the 12 months ending March 31, 1970, applicant estimates an operating loss of \$1,800 under present fares and he forecasts that operations at the proposed fares will be at about a breakeven point.

The Commission staff made a study of the results of applicant's operations. The report of that study is received herein as Exhibit 1. The report states that recorded results of operations for the historical years ended December 31, 1967 and December 31, 1968 show operating losses with operating ratios of 128.9 and 107.2 percent, respectively. Estimated results of operation for the rate year ending June 30, 1970 show an operating loss under present fares and a \$500 operating income under the requested fares. The staff estimates that the proposed increases in fares and express rates will provide approximately \$1,700 additional revenue for the rate year ending June 30, 1970.

Applicant has been operating, and in the future will be operating, at a loss under present fares and express rates. The proposed fares and rates are not excessive and the increases that will result from the establishment of the proposed increased fares and express rates are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. Applicant should be authorized to establish the proposed fares and rates on 10 days' notice.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Baysel Moyers, an individual doing business as Moyers Stages, is authorized to establish the increased fares and express rates proposed in Application No. 51067. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of JULY, 1969.

William Lyons, Jr.
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Commissioners

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