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Decision No. 76250

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of S. A. Cross, dba HEMET BUS LINE,
for an ex parte order granting per-
mission to increase rates for the
transportation of passengers and
express and to amend certificate.

Application No. 51267
(Filed July 24, 1969)
(Amendment filed August
13, 1969)

O P I N I O N

S. A. Cross, doing business as Hemet Bus Line (applicant) operates an intercity passenger stage service between Hemet and Riverside. He also carries express, newspapers and periodicals. The certificated routing was via surface streets and service was rendered to numerous intermediate points including University Heights, Box Springs, New Moreno and Beaumont Junction.

By the application as amended, authority is sought (1) to increase passenger fares by approximately 30 percent, (2) to increase express, newspaper and periodical rates, and (3) to abandon service to and from the four points named above.

The reason for the abandonment of service to and from the four points named above is that the service has been rerouted via a freeway and there is no access to the named points therefrom.

The presently effective passenger rates were authorized by Decision No. 64822, dated January 22, 1963, in Application No. 44819. The presently effective express and newspaper rates were authorized by Decision No. 61131, dated November 23, 1960.

The one-way cash fares vary from a minimum of 20 cents to a maximum of \$1.35. Applicant proposes to increase the fares by an average of approximately 30 percent making the comparable rates 25 cents and \$1.75.

Express rates are to be increased from a minimum of 60 cents for specified weight, size or value of shipment, to a minimum of 90 cents.

Rates for shipments of newspapers and periodicals will be increased from a minimum of one dollar per 100 pounds to a minimum of \$1.50 per 100 pounds and the minimum charge is to be increased from 40 cents to 60 cents.

The applicant's results of operation study under present and proposed fares for the calendar year 1968 (actual at present rates and estimated at proposed rates) reflects an operating deficit of \$238 under present fares and a profit of \$1,325.00 if fares are increased as proposed. Operation at the proposed fares would have resulted in revenues of \$18,825 and total operating expenses of \$17,500 for 1968. The actual operating ratio for 1968 was 102.4 percent. Applicant's estimated operating ratio for said year, if the proposed rates had been placed in effect, would have been 93 percent. Applicant's estimated expenses do not include any provisions for wages or salary of the proprietor-manager who also drives and performs mechanical repairs.

Notice of the proposed fare increases was posted as required by the Commission and no protests have been received. The staff has recommended that the proposed increases in fares and rates be authorized. The applicant requests that the increases in fares be made effective immediately. The Commission's records reflect minor variances between the authorized routing and the

actual routing. A revised appendix will be issued to reflect the actual route.

On the record herein the Commission finds that:

1. Abandonment of service by applicant to University Heights, Box Springs, New Moreno and Beaumont Junction is not adverse to the public interest.
2. The proposed fare and rate increases are justified, and should be made effective within five days.
3. Applicant's tariff should be revised to reflect his actual route of operations.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.

We conclude that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. S. A. Cross is authorized to establish the increased passenger fares and express and newspaper rates proposed in Application No. 51267, as amended. 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 and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. 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 and rate changes and shall remain posted for not less than thirty days.

3. The authority granted in paragraph 1 above shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

4. Applicant is authorized to discontinue service to University Heights, Box Springs, New Moreno and Beaumont Junction.

5. Appendix A of Decision No. 69199, is amended by incorporating therein First Revised Page 3, attached hereto, in revision of Original Page 3.

6. Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 1969.

William Aguero, Jr.
President

J. P. [Signature]

[Signature]

Sam L. Stinger
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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APPENDIX A
(Dec. 69199)

S. A. CROSS
doing business as
HEMET BUS LINE

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, S. A. Cross, doing business as Hemet Bus Line, shall conduct his passenger stage operations between the following points and over and along the following described route:

RIVERSIDE - HEMET

*Commencing at the Riverside bus terminal at 3755 Market Street, thence along adjacent city streets, U. S. Highway No. 60, Gilman Springs Road and State Highway No. 79 via Gilman Hot Springs and San Jacinto to Hemet.

*Changed by California Public Utilities Commission.

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