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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application No. 52027
(Filed July 9, 1970)

Squirrel Enterprises, Inc., a corporation, operates a sight-seeing bus service between Hartsook Inn, in the vicinity of Garberville, and Scotia. The service is offered on a seasonal basis between June 1 and September 30. In this application Squirrel Enterprises, Inc. seeks to increase its adult round-trip fare from \$3.50 to \$4.50. No increase is sought in the fare for children under 12 of \$2.00.

In support of this request, the application shows that applicant's 1969 gross revenues were \$3,359.27, its operating expense (adjusted to eliminate interest expense) was \$5,389.02, resulting in a loss of \$2,029.75. Applicant estimates that for the 1970 season its gross revenues under proposed fares would be \$4,218.58, its expenses for the same period will be \$4,183.02, resulting in a net operating income of \$35.56 before taxes.

The Commission's Transportation Division has reviewed the application and recommends that it be granted without hearing. Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar. There are no protests. Appended to the application is a letter from the Garberville Area Chamber of Commerce urging that the proposed increase be granted.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed fare increase is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Squirrel Enterprises, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to establish increased passenger fares as proposed in Application No. 52027. 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 five days after the effective date hereof on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of AUGUST, 1970.

[Signature] Chairman
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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.