

Decision No. 78515

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of The Gray Line Tours
 Company under the Shortened Procedure } Application No. 52412
 Tariff Docket to make increases in } (Filed January 19, 1971)
 its Sightseeing Tours rates in }
 Palm Springs.

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a passenger stage corporation providing sightseeing service in the metropolitan Los Angeles area and in Southern California generally. By this application it seeks authority to establish certain increased rates under the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Palm Springs City Tour "A"	\$1.85	\$2.50
Date Farm Tour "B"	3.65	5.00#

By letter dated March 9, 1971, applicant requested the Commission to reduce its proposed fare for this tour from \$5.50 to \$5.00.

Applicant's current fares have been in effect since 1962. Applicant alleges that since that time its costs of operation have significantly increased and that the proposed fare adjustments will not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The above proposed increases in fares are consistent with fare increases heretofore granted applicant by Decision No. 75573 dated April 15, 1969, in Application No. 49603, for its other sightseeing tour operations in this same general area. Decision No. 75573 did not include increases in rates for the Palm Springs City Tour "A" or Date Farm Tour "B".

We find that the increases in fares which applicant seeks are justified and the sought fare increases should be authorized.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Applicant, The Gray Line Tours Company, is authorized to increase its Palm Springs City Tour "A" adult fare from \$1.35 to \$2.50, and its Date Farm Tour "B" adult fare from \$3.65 to \$5.00, with children's fares at one-half the adult fares. Amendment to applicant's tariff to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than five days after effective date hereof, on not less than five 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 an explanation of these increased 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 five days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd
day of APRIL, 1971.

William J. [Signature]
Chairman

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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