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Decision No. 81102

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. 53535
(Filed August 21, 1972;
amended October 6, 1972)

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. Applicant seeks authority to increase passenger fares and express rates by approximately ten percent. Applicant also seeks authority to make a change in his route.

The amendment to the application contains a profit and loss statement for the year 1971. The statement discloses that during 1971 applicant's revenues totaled \$16,345.69 and incurred expenses of \$11,909.57, resulting in a net profit of \$4,436.12.

The Passenger Engineering Section of the Commission's Transportation Division has prepared a report which is hereby received as Exhibit 1. The report shows an annual revenue of \$16,346.00, expenses of \$16,635.00, and a net loss of \$289.00 for 1971. The staff has adjusted applicant's operating expenses to include \$8,000.00 for driver's wages rather than the \$3,274.85 set forth in applicant's statement. Exhibit 1 also shows that during 1971 under proposed fares and rates applicant's revenues would have increased to \$17,980.00 resulting in a profit of \$1,345.00.

With respect to applicant's proposal to make a change in his route, a memorandum report by an Associate Transportation Engineer dated November 29, 1972 which is received in evidence as Exhibit 2 states "The applicant's proposal to use the State Route 99 Freeway in lieu of Business Route 99 appears to be in the public interest because of the improved speed of service. No passengers would be denied service by this revision."

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

Findings

1. The increased fares and rates proposed in the application are reasonable and justified.
2. The proposed route change is in the public interest.
3. Applicant qualifies for the small business exemption pursuant to Rule 23-1(A).
4. 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. 53535, 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. Appendix A of Decision No. 61620 is amended by incorporating therein First Revised Page 1, attached hereto, in revision of Original Page 1.

4. 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 Los Angeles, California, this 6th
day of MARCH, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Green

[Signature]
Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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

Appendix A
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JOSEPH RAY FOSTER

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SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS,
LIMITATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Joseph Ray Foster, by certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers, baggage and shipments of express weighing 100 pounds or less on passenger-carrying vehicles only between Taft and Bakersfield and intermediate points over and along the route described in Section 2.

*SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From Taft via State Route 119 to State Route 99 Freeway; then north via State Route 99 Freeway to Bakersfield and return on the same route.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Changed by Decision No. 81102, Application No. 53535.