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Decision No. 81350

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of }
 YELLOW CAB CO. OF SACRAMENTO, A }
 California corporation, for }
 permission to increase fares, to }
 alter and increase routes, to }
 eliminate routes and for recognition }
 of change of name. }

Application No. 53607
 (Filed September 27, 1972)

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 for applicant.
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 for the County of Sacramento, interested
 party.
Charles J. Astrue, for the Commission
 staff.

O P I N I O N

The above-entitled application seeks a general fare increase for applicant's passenger stage operations, authorization for a change of name for the corporation,^{1/} and approval of modifications in applicant's service, including the addition of a second scheduled stop at a newly developed downtown air terminal.

Applicant operates a passenger stage service from various points in Sacramento to Sacramento Metropolitan Airport.

Applicant's present tariffs require a scheduled service between the Senator Hotel and the airport. Service to and from other areas in the Greater Sacramento Area is offered on an on-call basis.

^{1/} The Commission by Decision No. 80287 dated July 25, 1972 in Application No. 50620 recognized the change of name from Union Taxi Corporation to Yellow Cab Company of Sacramento.

A hearing limited to the issue of terminal changes was held in Sacramento on December 15, 1972 before Examiner Gilman. A staff witness and applicant's president testified; a representative of the developer of the new terminal made a statement.

The present scheduled stop is located at 12th and L Streets.

As part of Sacramento's redevelopment projects, a building at 5th and L Streets was designed to include a facility well suited for a downtown airline terminal with space for airline offices, a lobby, and covered areas for limousine and taxi loading.

The pleadings indicated that applicant was proposing to use the new terminal as its only scheduled stop, and to downgrade the Senator service to an on-call basis. At the hearing the staff opposed downgrading at the present time. Applicant's presentation, however, indicated that there was no present intent to change the level of service to and from the Senator. All parties are in agreement that the public convenience and necessity will support scheduled service both to the new terminal and to the Senator Hotel.

We find that public convenience and necessity will support the addition of a scheduled stop at 5th and L Streets, Sacramento, and conclude that applicant should be authorized to make the appropriate tariff filings on less than statutory notice.

Applicant proposed, as part of its fare increase proposal, to charge Senator Hotel patrons more than those using the new downtown terminal. We find that no showing has been made to justify a fare differential between the two terminals.^{2/}

^{2/} Applicant may make this showing as part of the proceedings on the general fare increase.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that applicant is authorized to amend its tariff subject to General Order No. 79 on five days' notice to offer scheduled service between 5th and L Streets, Sacramento, and Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, at the same charges now applicable to service to and from 12th and L Streets, Sacramento.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of MAY, 1973.

Vernon L. Stevens
President
William J. Jones
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Commissioners

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