

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 82078

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of NORTHGATE TRANSIT CO., INC.
for authority to discontinue the
use of transfers on its Skyline
College route.

Application No. 54356
(Filed September 28, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Northgate Transit Co., Inc., presently rendering service as a passenger stage corporation between points in Daly City, South San Francisco, and San Bruno, requests authority to discontinue the use of transfers between its Skyline College and Serramonte routes. Applicant proposes to charge a fare of 25 cents on weekdays, and 35 cents on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

It is alleged that the requested authority will permit applicant to reduce the operating loss that it has experienced on this segment during the past 18 months.

The Commission staff made a field survey and filed a participation report which is received in this proceeding as Exhibit 1. The report stated that in 1972 applicant applied for and received authority to extend its Daly City/Serramonte route to Skyline College with a 10 cent zone near the Serramonte Shopping Center; that upon commencing operations, the carrier discovered that it could not practically operate the distance between Daly City and Skyline College with one bus; that as a result the route was divided into two routes at the Serramonte Shopping Center; that upon reviewing the situation, the staff informed applicant that the change was viewed favorably as long as it did not result in a fare increase; that subsequently 10 cent transfers were introduced with the

understanding that an appropriate filing would be made with the Commission; that because of injuries received by applicant's general manager in an automobile accident, said filing was not made; that the instant application seeks to eliminate the transfers and charge a 25 cent fare on each segment of the route; that applicant proposes to make the change on November 5, 1973, the same day that it proposes to make several other operational adjustments; that said adjustments are designed to coincide with the beginning of service by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District to Daly City; and that the staff is of the opinion that the net fare increase is minimal and reasonable in the circumstances.

Copies of the application were served upon the city of Daly City, Serramonte Homeowners Association, and all local newspapers. No protest has been received.

After consideration the Commission finds that granting of the application would not be adverse to the public interest and that the proposed fares are just and reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Northgate Transit Co., Inc. may discontinue the use of transfer between its Skyline College and Serramonte routes, and may charge the 25 cents and 35 cents fares as proposed.

2. Within sixty days after the effective date hereon and on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall amend its tariffs presently on file with the Commission to reflect the authority herein granted.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd
day of NOVEMBER, 1973.

Vernon L. Stinger
President
William J. Lyons, Jr.
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Commissioners

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

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