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Decision No. 82987

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of
WALTER P. HENRICKSEN, for the
authority to increase commuter
passenger rates.

Application No. 54721
(Filed March 12, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

Walter P. Henricksen, an individual authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation, provides a commute service from and to Mare Island. Applicant requests authority to increase his weekly commute fares as follows:

<u>Between Mare Island And</u>	<u>Weekly Commute Fares</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Healdsburg	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00
Santa Rosa	7.00	8.00
Cotati	6.00	7.00
Pengrove	6.00	7.00
Petaluma	6.00	7.00

The Commission's Transportation Division staff has analyzed the sought fare increase and submitted a report relative thereto which is received as Exhibit 1. The report states that applicant carried a daily average of 72 round-trip passengers during 1973. It is estimated that applicant's patronage will increase significantly during the 12-month period ending June 30, 1975. The staff exhibit shows that actual operating revenues and expenses for 1973 were

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\$22,500 and \$25,700, respectively. For the test rate year ending June 30, 1975 the following results of operations are estimated:

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenues	\$ 33,800	\$ 39,200
Expenses	<u>36,900</u>	<u>36,900</u>
Net Operating Income	\$ (3,100)	\$ 2,300

() Indicates operating deficit

As a result of its investigation and study the staff recommends that the sought fare increase be granted by ex parte order. The certificate of service indicates that a copy of the application was served on the county counsel, Sonoma County, on or about March 12, 1974. The application was also listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar for March 13, 1974. No protests or requests for public hearing have been received.

The Commission finds that the proposed increase in applicant's fares has been shown to be fully justified and concludes that Application No. 54721 should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walter P. Henricksen is authorized to establish the fares proposed in Application No. 54721. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed 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. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in his buses 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 ten days.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day
of JUNE, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President

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