

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83122

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Lois J. Kohler, an individual, doing
business as WEST VALLEY CHARTER LINES,
for authority to increase fares for
her service from San Jose, Cupertino,
Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and Campbell
to the United Air Lines Maintenance
Base at the San Francisco International
Airport.

Application No. 54615
(Filed January 31, 1974)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Lois J. Kohler, doing business as West Valley Charter Lines, requests authority to increase home to work passenger bus fares between San Jose, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and Campbell, on the one hand, and the United Air Lines Maintenance Base at the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand, from \$6 to \$10 a week.

An initial engineering-economic study prepared by the Commission staff indicates that the results of applicant's operations for the historical year ending December 31, 1973 show an operating ratio of 109 percent. The proposed rates would result in an operating ratio of 90 percent or a rate of return of 45 percent. Pending a hearing on the matter the staff recommends an increase to \$8.50 a week which would result in an operating ratio of 97 percent with a rate of return of 11 percent and is comparable to a fare recently recommended by the staff for another carrier providing a similar service.

Pending hearing, applicant may increase its weekly fares to \$8.50 which the Commission finds to be just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Until further order of this Commission Lois J. Kohler, doing business as West Valley Charter Lines, is authorized to increase weekly fares between the points herein considered from \$6 to \$8.50. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order 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 of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority 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 a printed explanation of its 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 is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th
day of JULY, 1974.

Vermon L. Stevenson
President
William J. Quinn
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Commissioners

I dissent
William J. Quinn, Commissioner