

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83131

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of ROY L. ARLEDGE,  
doing business as UNITED TRANSIT,  
to increase its rates from \$6.00  
per week to \$8.00 per week on  
Commuter Bus Service for which  
United Transit holds a certificate  
of public convenience and necessity.

Application No. 54728  
(Filed March 14, 1974)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Roy L. Arledge, doing business as United Transit and presently providing a passenger stage service for the transportation of employees of United Air Lines between peninsula points and the United Air Lines Maintenance Base at the San Francisco International Airport, requests authority to increase passenger fares from \$6.00 per week to \$10.00 per week.

It is alleged that applicant's cost of equipment, fuel, and labor have increased appreciably since its present fares were authorized.

An engineering-economic study prepared by the Commission's Transportation Division indicates that the results of applicant's common carrier operation for the historical year ending December 31, 1973 shows an operating loss of \$33,072. The proposed fares would result in an operating ratio of 87 percent or a rate of return of 30 percent. The Transportation Division staff recommends an increase to \$8.50 a week which would result in an operating ratio of 93 percent with a rate of return of 14 percent.

Pending a hearing, applicant should be authorized to increase his weekly fares to United Air Lines Maintenance Base to \$8.50, which the Commission finds to be justified.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Until further order of this Commission, Roy L. Arledge, doing business as United Transit, is authorized to increase weekly fares between the points herein considered from \$6.00 to \$8.50. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five 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 MAY, 1974.

Vernon L. Stevenson  
President  
William J. Gausman, Jr.  
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Commissioners

I dissent  
[Signature], Commissioner