

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83144

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of PALM SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING &
CHARTER CO., doing business as
GOLDEN STATE CHARTER LINES and
LEISURE SIGHTSEEING AND CHARTER
CO., for authority to increase
certain rates,

Applicant.

Application No. 54404

(Filed October 23, 1973;
amended November 20, 1973)

FINAL OPINION

On February 5, 1974 the Commission issued an Interim Order in the above application (Decision No. 82430) authorizing applicant to establish interim increased fares for service on Route 1 (West Los Angeles) and Route 4 (one of three San Fernando Valley routes). The Commission denied authority to increase rates on applicant's three remaining routes, Route 2, Route 3, and Route 3 (Alternate) for the reason the applicant was not rendering service thereon. On May 31, 1974 the Commission's Transportation Division and on June 10, 1974 the Commission's Finance and Accounts Division advised the Commission that applicant is operating all five routes for which increases were sought and recommended that the final order should include the rate increases sought for Routes 2, 3, and 3 (Alternate) in addition to the rate increases granted in the interim order.

The staff determined that the return will not be excessive and recommended that the interim rates should be made permanent and the rates requested for Routes 2, 3, and 3 (Alternate) should be authorized.

Findings

1. The applicant is operating passenger stage service on Routes 2, 3, and 3 (Alternate) as authorized by its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

2. The applicant received authority to increase its fares on its Route 1 and Route 4 on February 5, 1974 by Decision No. 82430 in Application No. 54404 on an interim basis.

3. Authority to increase fares on Routes 3 and 3 (Alternate) was denied because applicant was not performing the service with its own equipment and personnel. Authority to increase fares on Route 2 was denied because applicant was not operating the service.

4. Since May 31, 1974 applicant has been, and now is, providing service on all five authorized routes with its own equipment and personnel.

6. The fare increases authorized by Decision No. 82430 herein on Routes 1 and 4 and by this decision on Routes 2, 3, and 3 (Alternate) are justified.

Conclusions

1. Fare increases as specified in the following order should be authorized.

2. The applicant should be authorized to establish the increased fares on less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public. The tariffs authorized herein may be made effective five days after the date hereof.

FINAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Palm Springs Sightseeing & Charter Co., doing business as Golden State Charter Lines and Leisure Sightseeing and Charter Co., is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 54404 on each of its routes. 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 used on each of its routes 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 16th day of JULY, 1974.

Vernon L. Stevenson
President
William Lyman, Jr.
W. W. Wright
John C. ...
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Commissioners