

ORIGINALDecision No. ~~83187~~

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application for:
 Howard B. Pettersen, doing business as
 PETERSEN BUS COMPANY, for authority to
 increase round-trip passenger fares from
 Napa, St. Helena, and Benicia to Mare
 Island Naval Shipyard.

Application No. 54739
 (Filed March 19, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Applicant holds a passenger stage certificate for routes between Mare Island Naval Shipyard and points in Napa, Saint Helena, and Benicia. Applicant's service furnishes home-to-work transportation to and from the shipyard and such points.

Applicant's present fares are as follows:

<u>Between Mare Is. and</u>	<u>Cash Fare Round Trip</u>	<u>Commuter Ticket For One Calendar Week</u>	<u>Commuter Ticket For Two Calendar Weeks</u>
Napa	\$1.00	\$3.50	\$ 7.00
St. Helena	1.25	5.00	10.00
Benicia	1.00	3.00	6.00

Rate relief is sought in this application which would increase fares as follows:

<u>Between Mare Is. and</u>	<u>Cash Fare Round Trip</u>	<u>Commuter Ticket For One Calendar Week</u>	<u>Commuter Ticket For Two Calendar Weeks</u>
Napa	\$1.25	\$4.50	\$ 9.00
St. Helena	1.50	6.00	12.00
Benicia	1.00	3.50	7.00

No change in routes or service is proposed.

The Transportation Division investigated this application and originally recommended withholding the authorization of such fare increases pending the carrier meeting the required safety

standards for its equipment. The carrier had previously been the subject of an unsatisfactory report on the safety conditions found by the California Highway Patrol. Applicant now advises that a full-time mechanic was hired a few weeks ago and, consequently, the Division now recommends that, in the absence of protest, the requested fare increases should be granted by ex parte order.

Applicant posted copies of the proposed fare schedule in its buses, and served copies of the application as directed by the Commission staff. No protests have been received.

The Commission finds that the fare increases are justified.

Because of the delay in processing this application due to the aforementioned safety factors, and because there have been no protests to the application, the Commission finds that good cause exists for the granting of the relief requested on less than 30 days' notice.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in this application. 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 23rd
day of JULY, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William L. Quinn
William L. Quinn
William L. Quinn
William L. Quinn
Commissioners