

Decision No. 83712**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD H. THOMPSON and RICHARD A. LIGHTHILL, doing business as WHIPPET CHARTER SERVICE, for the Authority to Increase Weekly Fare, Toll and Charge to Passengers.

Application No. 55119  
(Filed August 16, 1974)

INTERIM OPINION

Richard H. Thompson and Richard A. Lighthill, doing business as Whippet Charter Service, a passenger stage corporation, are engaged in the transportation of commuter passengers between the United Air Lines Maintenance Base located at San Francisco International Airport and various points set forth below and for which they seek the fare increases set forth below:

Between United Air Lines Maintenance Base And	Weekly Round-Trip Fares	
	Present	Proposed
Hayward Service Area	\$5.25	\$6.75
Union City Service Area	5.75	7.25
Newark Service Area	6.00	7.50
Fremont Service Area	6.00	7.50
Milpitas Service Area	6.50	8.00

Applicants allege that they are unable to continue operations profitably without an immediate fare increase to defray recent extreme increases in the cost of fuel and maintenance.

The Commission's Transportation Division staff has analyzed the sought fare increases and submitted a report relative thereto which is received as Exhibit 1. The report discloses that for the 12-month period ending June 30, 1974 applicants' cost of fuel and drivers' wages have increased by \$21,100 over the year 1972. The staff recommends that applicants be granted an interim increase of \$1.00 per passenger per week to offset the increased expenses.

The application was mailed to the concerned governmental agencies and was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 19, 1974. No protests have been received.

Findings

1. Applicants are engaged in the transportation of commuter passengers as a passenger stage corporation between the United Air Lines Maintenance Base and Hayward, Union City, Newark, Fremont, and Milpitas.
2. Applicants have experienced increased costs for fuel and drivers' wages of approximately \$21,100 annually.
3. On the basis of the verified application and the staff report (Exhibit 1), applicants are in need of an immediate fare increase. The interim fares proposed by the staff do not appear excessive and should be authorized on an interim basis pending further study and possible hearing relative to the further increase requested.
4. An interim increase as recommended by the Commission staff is justified.

Conclusions

1. Interim fare increases as specified in the following order should be authorized.
2. Applicants 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 should be made effective five days after the date hereof.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Richard H. Thompson and Richard A. Lighthill, doing business as Whippet Charter Service, are authorized to increase their weekly round-trip fares between the United Air Lines Maintenance Base and Hayward, Union City, Newark, Fremont, and Milpitas by \$1.00. 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, applicants shall give notice to the public by posting in their buses and terminals a printed explanation of their 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 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of NOVEMBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturges  
President  
William J. ...  
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Robert E. McLeod  
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.