

Decision No. 83954**ORIGINAL**

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)

FINAL OPINION

By Decision No. 83122 dated July 9, 1974 Lois J. Kohler, doing business as West Valley Charter Lines, and presently providing a passenger stage service between Peninsula points and the United Air Lines Maintenance Base at the San Francisco International Airport, was granted interim authority to increase fares from \$6.00 per week to \$8.50 per week pending final determination of applicant's request for an increased fare of \$10.00 per week.

A study prepared by the Commission staff and received in this proceeding as Exhibit 1 indicates the following results of operation for the year ending June 30, 1975 at the proposed fare of \$10.00 per passenger:

Statistics

Bus Miles 325,000

Number of Passengers 88,920

Passenger Revenue \$178,000

Expenses

Equipment Maintenance 39,300

Transportation 56,790

Station -

Traffic 1,600

Insurance and Safety 14,000

Administration and General 24,000

Depreciation 7,300

Oper. Taxes and Licenses 19,000

Operating Rents -

Total Expenses 161,990

Operating Income 16,010

Income Taxes (Estimated) 4,800

Net Income 11,210

Operating Ratio 93.7%

Rate of Return 27.9%

Rate Base \$ 40,130

A diminution in passengers of 10 percent due to the fare increase was considered appropriate by the staff.

In Decision No. 83451 in Application No. 54439 the Commission found that an operating ratio of 90.9 percent (after taxes) fell in the zone of reasonableness for a carrier of comparable size to that of applicant.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed \$10.00 weekly fare is justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

FINAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:


1. Lois J. Kohler, doing business as West Valley Charter Lines, is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 54615. 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 five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

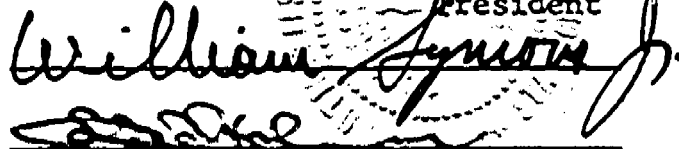
2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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 shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th
day of JANUARY, 1975.



President


Commissioners