

ORIGINALDecision No. 83984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of KOPECKY CORP.
for authority to increase
certain rates.

Application No. 54949
(Filed June 10, 1974)

INTERIM OPINION

Kopecky Corporation conducts operations as a passenger stage corporation between San Diego and San Bernardino, on the one hand, and the Mammoth Mountain Recreation Area (Mammoth), on the other hand. This service is limited to weekend ski trips during the winter months. Passenger stage operations are also provided for sporting events between San Diego and San Bernardino, on the one hand, and the Ontario Motor Speedway, on the other hand. Applicant provides charter bus service within the State of California pursuant to Class "A" Charter-party Certificate No. CAL-TCP-132A. The latter service constitutes approximately 90 percent of the company's total operation. By this application applicant seeks to increase its fares on the Mammoth operation.

Applicant has served copies of its application on the cities of San Diego and San Bernardino, the counties of San Diego, San Bernardino, and Mono, and Greyhound West. The application was noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 11, 1974. No objections to the fare increases have been received.

The Transportation Division staff has prepared a study and report of estimated result of operation, which is received as Exhibit 1. The staff report shows that an operating ratio of 63.4 percent and a 77.65 percent rate of return would result at

the applicant's proposed fares for the passenger stage operations. Since these results exceed those that have been allowed for similar operations, the staff has developed a lower level of fares shown in Column 4 below:

<u>Trip Destination</u> (1)	<u>Present Fares</u> (2)	<u>Applicant's Proposed Fares</u> (3)	<u>Staff Recommended Fares</u> (4)
<u>San Diego - Mammoth</u>			
<u>Round Trip</u>			
Adult	\$19.00	\$34.00	\$21.30
Child	9.50	17.00	10.65
<u>One Way</u>			
Adult	12.00	18.00	13.50
Child	6.00	9.00	6.75
<u>San Bernardino - Mammoth</u>			
<u>Round Trip</u>			
Adult	17.50	29.00	19.60
Child	8.75	14.50	9.80
<u>One Way</u>			
Adult	11.00	15.00	12.30
Child	5.50	7.50	6.15

The fares recommended by the staff would produce an estimated operating ratio and rate of return of 90.1 percent and 13.47 percent, respectively, for the passenger stage operation. The staff has recommended that applicant's fare increase be granted to the extent shown in its report, pending hearings on the fares proposed by applicant.

Findings

1. Applicant's present rates between San Diego and San Bernardino, on the one hand, and Mammoth Mountain Recreation Area, on the other hand, will not provide sufficient revenue to meet expected expenses.

2. The staff recommended fares shown in Column 4, Table 3 of Exhibit 1 have been shown to be justified.

3. A public hearing should be scheduled at an early date to consider the fare adjustment requested by applicant.

The Commission concludes that Application No. 54949 should be granted to the extent found justified in Finding 2.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Kopecky Corporation is authorized to establish the increased fares shown in Column 4, Table 3 of Exhibit 1. 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 is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th
day of JANUARY, 1975.

Hermon L. Peterson
President
William J. Smith
Edward J. Smith

Commissioners