

Decision No. 84525

**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)

Marvin G. Haun, for applicants.  
Alexander E. Lutkus, for the  
Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

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

By interim order in Decision No. 83712 dated November 13, 1974, applicants were authorized to increase the above-listed present fares by \$1.00.

Public hearing was held before Examiner O'Leary at San Francisco on March 21, 1975 at which time the matter was submitted.

By Decision No. 83587 dated October 16, 1974 in Application No. 55017, applicants were authorized to sell and transfer their operative rights and property to Whippet Charter Service, Inc. (Whippet), a California corporation. The sale and transfer were consummated on December 1, 1974.

Evidence in support of the application was presented by Whippet's vice president and its accountant.

Exhibit 3 contains an income statement which shows actual revenues and expenses for the year 1974, and projected revenues and expenses for the year 1975 under rates authorized prior to the interim increase and proposed fares. The exhibit discloses that under rates prior to the interim increase Whippet would attain an operating ratio of 105.81 percent and under its proposed fares would attain an operating ratio of 93.05 percent.

Whippet has experienced increased costs for fuel and drivers' wages of approximately \$21,100 annually.

#### 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. The requested increase in fares will result in additional gross revenues of approximately \$32,000 over the fares authorized prior to the interim increase authorized by Decision No. 83712 and approximately \$10,750 over the fares authorized by Decision No. 83712.

4. The fare increases sought in Application No. 55119 are reasonable and justified.

Conclusion

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Whippet Charter Service, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 55119. 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 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 10th day of JUNE, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Quinn  
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Commissioners