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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL  
SERVICES, INC., dba California  
Sightseeing Tours, Inc., for author-  
ity to increase certain rates.

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) Application No. 55722  
) (Filed June 6, 1975)  
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INTERIM OPINION

Applicant, Educational and Recreational Services, Inc., (ERS) dba California Sightseeing Tours seeks authority for a rate increase of \$117,000 and an interim rate increase (not quantified) for the transportation of school children from various points within the boundaries of the Palos Verdes School District.

ERS is a certificated passenger stage corporation and is also engaged in commuter and racetrack operations under its passenger stage rights, and in charter and school bus operations.

The requested authorization is "based upon the fact the rates sought in our original Application No. 54649 and granted in Decision No. 82794 dated April 30, 1974 were inadequate to cover rising operating costs. During the period of time from said date, expenses have continuously and steadily risen at a considerable rate with no relief in sight. In order to provide and maintain the equipment required on this operation and in order to provide a proper level of service, while deriving therefrom a reasonable rate of return, applicant must seek the increases herein."

Applicant's recent balance sheet and income statements attached to the application are financial reports for its entire operation, so there is no way to ascertain whether there has been or will be a profit or loss or the extent thereof in the operation for which ERS seeks authorization for interim relief. There is not

sufficient evidence to show that the time involved in the usual disposition of the case will cause irreparable financial harm or that there exists an imminent deterioration in the financial condition of ERS.

On June 20, 1975, ERS was advised of the insufficiency of its application and on July 22, 1975 it was again so advised and informed that the preliminary staff study indicated that there is no justification for interim relief and that unless ERS desired to submit additional information or desired a hearing, an order denying interim relief would be made. On July 22, ERS stated that it was unable to submit further information and as of August 1, 1975 has filed no further document.

Finding


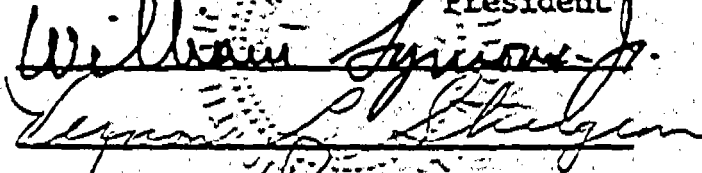

ERS is not entitled to authorization for an interim rate increase.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the request of Educational and Recreational Services, Inc. for authorization for an interim rate increase is denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1975.

  
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Commissioner Robert Batimovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.