

Decision No. 85153

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

In the matter of the application of )  
 Robert J. Ruhland, Maury Swidler, )  
 Nathan Swidler and Stephen W. Hackett. ) Application No. 55862  
 doing business as HI-WAY TOURS, for ) (Filed August 14, 1975)  
 authority to increase fares for )  
 transportation of passengers for )  
 sightseeing purposes between points )  
 in a service area in San Mateo County, )  
 and points of interest in the City and )  
 County of San Francisco and Marin )  
 County. )

O P I N I O N

Robert J. Ruhland, Maury Swidler, Nathan Swidler and Stephen W. Hackett, doing business as HI-WAY TOURS, presently provide service as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-809) for sightseeing. The applicants seek authority to increase the present fares for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years from one-half adult fare to full adult fare.

The applicants indicate that the problem of determining the age of passengers handicaps the operation in obtaining the proper fares. The applicants allege that the cost of transporting a child is the same as for an adult.

The applicants allege further that the proposed fare increase will cover part of the increased fuel, maintenance, repair and labor expenses experienced since the present fares were authorized.

The present fares were established by Decision No. 72814, dated July 25, 1967 in Application No. 49114.

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of the applicant's operations and submitted a report on the estimated results of operations based on the future year 1976 under present and proposed fares. The report is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1.

The Exhibit indicates the following results:

ESTIMATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

<u>Item or Account</u>		<u>1976 Estimated Results</u>	
<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Requested Fares</u>
	Bus Miles	41,200	41,200
	Passengers	8,940	8,490
	<u>Revenue</u>		
320	Passenger	\$ 44,680	\$ 50,940
	<u>Expenses</u>		
410	Maintenance	\$ 8,610	\$ 8,610
420	Transportation	16,300	16,300
450	Insurance	3,830	3,830
460	Administration	12,270	12,270
500	Depreciation	2,160	2,160
520	Operating Tax	1,950	1,950
530	Rent	4,640	4,640
	Total Expenses	\$ 49,760	\$ 49,760
	Operating Income	\$ -5,080	\$ 1,180
800	Income Tax	200	200
	Net Income	\$ -5,280	\$ 980
	Operating Ratio	111.8%	98.1%

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 15, 1975. No protests have been received.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

- (1) The requested fares would result in additional annual revenue in the amount of \$6,260.
- (2) The proposed fare increase is justified.
- (3) A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Robert J. Ruhland, Maury Swidler, Nathan Swidler and Stephen W. Eackett doing business as HI-WAY TOURS, are authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 55862.


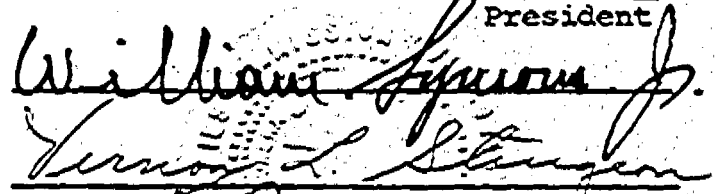
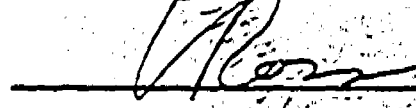
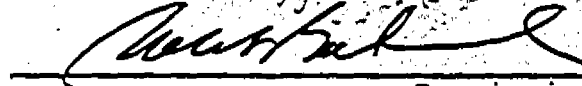
Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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 the 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 18th day of NOVEMBER, 1975.

  
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President  
  
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