

Decision No. 85154**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of Application of)
CALAVERAS TRANSIT COMPANY, for) Application No. 55812
the authority to increase passenger) (Filed July 15, 1975)
fares and express rates.)

O P I N I O N

George Freed, doing business as Calaveras Transit Company, presently provides service as a passenger stage corporation (PSC 842) for the transportation of passengers and express between Stockton and Lake Alpine via Angels Camp. The applicant seeks authority to increase his passenger fares by an average of 33% (ranging up to 110%), and express rates by an average of 54% (ranging between 42% and 100%).

Applicant alleges that the proposed increases are required to offset increases in the cost of fuel, repairs and labor.

His present fares and rates were established by Decision No. 76971 dated March 24, 1970 in Application No. 50872.

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of applicant's request and submitted a report on the estimated results of operations based on the rate year 1976 under present and proposed fares. During 1974 no wages were included in the expenses for the time that the owner spent in driving, maintenance and general office work. The staff estimate for the 1976 rate year provides an allowance for a full-time driver at \$20.00 per day, and in addition, \$6,000 annual salary for the owner to compensate for other duties he performs for the operation.

The staff's report is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1.

The exhibit indicates the following results:

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

		Adjusted		
Item or Account		Historical	Rate Year -- 1976	
No.	Description	Year 1974	Present Rates	Requested Rates
	Bus Miles	54,000	54,000	54,000
	Passengers	1,780	1,800	1,650
	<u>Revenue</u>			
320	Passengers	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,390	\$ 5,330
360	Express	12,770	11,800	18,140
	Total			
	Revenue	\$ 17,120	\$ 16,190	\$ 23,470
	<u>Expenses</u>			
410	Maintenance	\$ 2,940	\$ 3,390	\$ 3,390
420	Transportation	9,440	14,700	14,700
430	Station	1,240	2,240	2,240
440	Traffic	-	1,000	1,000
450	Insurance	2,020	2,330	2,330
460	Administration	50	2,050	2,050
500	Depreciation	580	580	580
520	Taxes	830	1,470	1,470
530	Rents	-	-	-
	Total			
	Expenses	\$ 17,100	\$ 27,760	\$ 27,760
	Operating Income	\$ 20	\$ -11,570	\$ -4,290
	Income Taxes	-	-	-
	Net Income	\$ 20	\$ -11,570	\$ -4,290
	Operating Ratio	99.9%	171.5%	118.3%
	Rate of Return	0.2%	-	-
	Average Rate Base			
		\$ 10,670	\$ 9,520	\$ 9,520

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on July 18, 1975. No protests have been received. After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. The requested increases would result in additional annual revenue in the amount of \$7,280.

2. The proposed rate increases are justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. George Freed, doing business as Calaveras Transit Company, is authorized to establish the increases proposed in Application No. 55812. 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, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in his buses and terminals a printed explanation of his fares. Such notices 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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Commissioners