

Decision No. 85242**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
 of RAY E. EVANS and RUTH O. EVANS, )  
 d.b.a. TRAMWAY TRANSPORTATION AND )  
 SIGHTSEEING TOURS, for an Order )  
 authorizing Applicant to increase )  
 fares pursuant to Public Utilities )  
 Code Section 454, and Rule 23 of )  
 the Commission's Rules of Procedure. )

Application No. 55912  
 (Filed September 2, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Ray E. Evans and Ruth O. Evans, doing business as Tramway Transportation and Sightseeing Tours, presently operate as a passenger stage corporation (PSC 324), transporting passengers in a sightseeing service on five tours originating at Palm Springs to points of interest in Riverside County.

By Application No. 55912, filed September 2, 1975 the applicants seek authority to increase the present passenger fares for Tours One through Five by an average of 22% (ranging between 17% and 33%).

The applicants have also filed Application No. 55981 on October 3, 1975, seeking authority to operate a Tour Six between points in Palm Springs and Yucca Valley. This matter is still pending before the Commission.

The present fares were established by Decision No. 75929, dated July 15, 1969 in Application No. 50813.

A review of the carrier's annual reports submitted to the Commission indicates that expenses have increased approximately 110% since 1970. The review is summarized in the following:

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Annual Report</u>	
			<u>1970</u>	<u>1974</u>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1		Operating Expense	\$17,412	\$30,597
2		Bus Miles	83,940	70,548
3	L1+L2	Optg. Expense per Bus		
		Mile	\$ 0.207	\$ 0.434
4		Unit Exp. Increase		110%

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of the applicant's operation and has estimated that the requested fare increases would provide \$7,440 additional annual revenue. The estimate is based on the future passenger traffic being the same as for the historical year ended December 31, 1974.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 8, 1975. No protests have been received.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

(1) Applicants' operating expenses have increased approximately 110% since the presently authorized fares were placed in effect.

(2) The requested increase would result in additional annual revenue in the amount of \$7,440.

(3) The requested fare increases for Tours One through Five are justified.

(4) A public hearing is not necessary.

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:


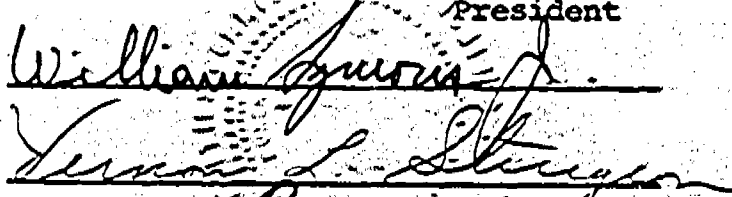
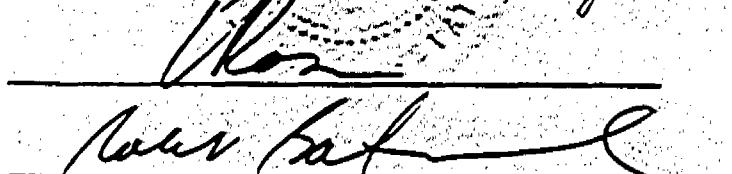
1. Roy E. Evans and Ruth O. Evans, doing business as Tramway Transportation and Sightseeing Tours, are authorized to establish the increased fares for Tours One through Five as set forth in Application No. 55912. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective 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, 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 16th  
day of DECEMBER, 1975.

  
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President  
  
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Commissioners