

Decision No. 56251**ORIGINAL**

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

Application of Marin Airporter, )  
 a California corporation, for )  
 authority to increase passenger ) Application 56528  
 fares from Greenbrae, San Rafael ) (Filed June 4, 1976)  
 and Novato to San Francisco )  
 International Airport )

O P I N I O N

Marin Airporter, a California corporation, presently provides service as a Passenger Stage Corporation, (PSC-990). By this application, Marin Airporter seeks authority to increase its fares by 11 percent to 20 percent between Greenbrae, San Rafael and Novato, on the one hand and San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand.

The authority held by the applicant was formerly held by William Melbern, doing business as Airport Limousine Service. By Decision 85545, the Commission granted William Melbern authority to transfer the operative rights to Marin Airporter.

The present and proposed fares are as follows:

	Between	: San Francisco International Airport:
: And	:	Present Fares : Proposed Fares :
Greenbrae	\$5.00	\$ 6.00
San Rafael	8.00	9.00
Novato	9.00	10.00

Its present fares were established by Decision 79521, dated December 21, 1971 in Application 50808.

The applicant alleges that the proposed fare increase will cover the substantial increase in fuel, insurance, maintenance and labor expenses since 1972.

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of applicant's operation and submitted a report on the estimated results of operations based on the future year ending

June 30, 1977 under present and proposed fares.

The report is hereby received as Exhibit 1. The exhibit indicates the following results:

Estimated Results of Operations  
Rate Year Ending June 30, 1977

Item or Account			
Number	Description	Present Fares	Requested Fares
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Bus Miles	179,900	179,900
	Passengers	15,700	14,920
	<u>Revenue</u>		
320	Passenger	\$ 80,300	\$ 89,400
	<u>Expenses</u>		
410	Maintenance	\$ 5,110	\$ 5,110
420	Transportation	34,150	34,150
430	Station	10,220	10,220
440	Traffic	1,500	1,500
450	Insurance	5,480	5,480
460	Administration	15,700	15,700
500	Depreciation	7,060	7,060
520	Taxes	6,440	6,440
530	Rent	300	300
400 & 500	Total Expenses	\$ 85,960	\$ 85,960
	Operating Income	\$- 5,660	\$ 3,440
800	Income Taxes	200	1,000
	Net Income	\$- 5,860	\$ 2,440
	Operating Ratio-%	107.3	97.3

In accordance with Section 730.3 of the Public Utilities Code, affected state and local public agencies and corporations operating passenger transit systems were notified of the application and were requested to furnish an analysis of the effect of the proposed rate increase on overall transportation problems within the territories served by such passenger transit systems. The application was supported by the Marin County Transit District. No comments from the other parties so notified have been received.

In accordance with Section 730.5 of the Public Utilities Code, we find that the fare increase granted by this decision will result in a decrease in patronage of approximately five percent. The fare increase will have no effect upon public transit systems as proposed in required transportation plans prepared pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of Title 7 of the Government Code.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 7, 1976. No protests have been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue in the amount of \$9,100.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is unnecessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

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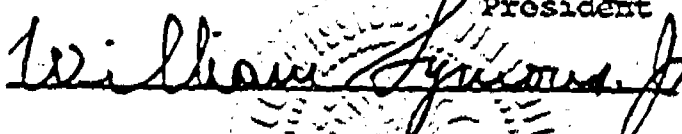
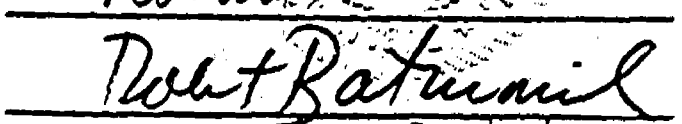
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Marin Airporter is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 56528. 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 90 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 and terminals 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 30 days.

Since the carrier is presently operating at a substantial loss, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th  
day of AUGUST, 1976.

  
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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.