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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of RUSSELL D. BEAUCHANE, doing)
business as AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION)
SERVICE, for authority to increase)
rates (Public Utilities Code)
Section 454).)

ORIGINAL
Application 90-12-019
(Filed December 6, 1990)

OPINION

Russell D. Beauchane (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1036) transporting passengers and express between the cities of Chico, Paradise, Oroville, Marysville/Yuba City on the one hand and the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport on the other.

Applicant seeks authority to increase certain of his fares by \$5 (one way) and \$10 (round trip). The present fares were established by Decision 87-11-007 in Application 87-06-028.

Applicant states that the requested increases are necessary due to increased costs for insurance, license fees, vehicle operation, and salaries.

Based on the financial data furnished by applicant, the following table sets forth the estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares for test year ending December 31, 1991.

	Present fares	Proposed fares
Operating Revenue	\$206,927	\$266,927
Operating Expenses	234,670	234,670
Net Income (loss)	(27,743)	32,257
Operating Ratio	113%	88%

As indicated by the above table, applicant's operations in the test year ending December 31, 1991 under present fares will be at an operating ratio of 113%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue of \$266,927, an annual gross revenue increase of \$60,000, with an operating ratio of 88%.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks authority to increase certain passenger stage fares by \$5 one way/\$10 round trip.
2. Applicant's present fares were authorized by D.87-11-007 dated November 13, 1987, in Application 87-06-028.
3. Applicant is operating at a loss under the present fares.
4. Applicant's operations in the test year ending December 31, 1991 under present fares would be at an operating ratio of 113%.
5. The requested fare increases will result in an annual gross operating revenue of \$266,927, an annual gross revenue increase of \$60,000, with an operating ratio of 88%.
6. The requested fare increases are necessary and justified.
7. Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 13, 1990. No protests or requests for public hearing have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusions of Law

1. The fare increases requested in A.90-12-019 are just and reasonable and should be granted.
2. Because the applicant is operating at a loss, the order should be effective today.

ORDER


IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Russell D. Beauchane is authorized to establish the increased passenger fares proposed in Application 90-12-019. Tariffs shall be filed on or after the effective date of this order. They may go into effect five days or more 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 applicant's operating vehicles 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 30 days.
4. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated MAR 22 1991, at San Francisco, California.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY


WILLIAM H. SHUMWAY, Executive Director

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
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G. MITCHELL WILK
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