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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of AMTRANS Airport Shuttle (PSC 1451) to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom and specific service rates for passenger stage service between the five county areas of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside and the transportation centers of Los Angeles, Burbank, Long Beach, Santa Ana, and Ontario airports and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors and AMTRAK in Los Angeles.

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Application 91-05-041  
(Filed May 20, 1991)

OPINION

American Transportation Enterprises, Inc., dba Amtrans Airport Shuttle, (applicant) requests authority to establish a zone of rate freedom (ZORF) under Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 454.2 between points within its authorized service area and to deviate from the long- and short-haul provisions of PU Code Section 460.

Applicant conducts operations as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1451) transporting passengers on an on-call basis between the five county areas of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside and the transportation centers of Los Angeles International, Burbank, Long Beach, Santa Ana, and Ontario airports and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors and AMTRAK in Los Angeles.

Applicant is requesting a ZORF authorization in order to regain a competitive position with the many airport shuttle services in its area of operations who have been given a ZORF authority by the Commission. The Los Angeles market place has

attracted a large number of entrepreneurs and the applicant feels a necessity to have all the business tools available for survival in this volatile arena.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant is operating in competition with other substantially similar passenger stage transportation services.
2. The rates proposed by applicant in Exhibit C to its application are just and reasonable.
3. Applicant requests authority to establish a ZORF of -\$6 to +\$6 around its existing rates.
4. The competitive transportation services will result in reasonable rates when considered with the ZORF authorized below.
5. The granting of an exemption from the long- and short-haul provisions of PU Code Section 460 is appropriate in this case.
6. The Commission has received no requests for notification under PU Code Section 730.3.
7. Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Daily Transportation Calendar.
8. No protests have been received.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.
2. Before applicant charges rates under the ZORF authorized below, 10 days' notice should be given to the Commission.
3. The filing of ZORF rates should be accompanied by a tariff amendment showing for each route, the high and low ends of the ZORF, and the then currently effective rate.
4. No rates should be reduced to zero by application of the ZORF.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.
6. In order to make the proposed rate changes available as soon as possible, the following order should be effective immediately.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. American Transportation Enterprises, Inc., dba Amtrans Airport Shuttle, (applicant) is authorized to establish a zone of rate freedom (ZORF) that is \$6 below or \$6 above its present fares, as the minimum and maximum.

2. Applicant shall file a ZORF tariff on not less than 10 days' notice to the Commission and to the public; such filing shall be subject to Commission approval. The ZORF shall expire unless exercised within 60 days after the effective date of this order.

3. Applicant may make changes within the ZORF by filing amended tariffs on not less than 10 days' notice to the Commission and to the public. The tariff shall include for each route the authorized maximum and minimum fares and the fare to be charged.

4. Applicant is exempted from the long- and short-haul provision of PU Code Section 460 in setting the authorized ZORF fares.

5. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post notices explaining fare changes in its terminals and passenger-carrying vehicles. The notice shall be posted at least 5 days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

6. The application is granted as set forth above.

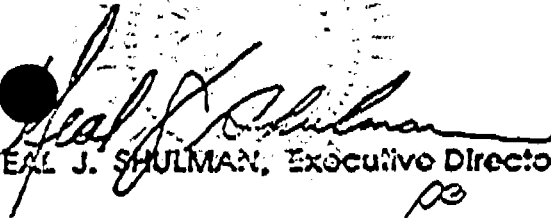
This order is effective today.

Dated AUG 7 1991, at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
President

G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Commissioners

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

  
NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director

Commissioner Daniel Wm. Fessler, being necessarily absent, did not participate.