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Decision 91-09-034 September 6, 1991

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of:)

AMERICAN AIRPORTER SHUTTLE)

to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom)
of Plus \$6.00/Minus \$4.00 from its)
current tariff rates, pursuant to)
the provisions of Section 454.2 of)
the Public Utilities Code.)

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Application 91-06-039
(Filed June 18, 1991)

O P I N I O N

American Airporter Shuttle a corporation (applicant), a passenger stage corporation (PSC-6432), requests authority for a zone of rate freedom (ZORF) to increase its existing fares under Public Utilities (PU) Code § 454.2.

Applicant is authorized to provide on-call service between the City and County of San Francisco (SF) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

This application is a request for a ZORF of \$6 above and \$4 below its present current fares. Exhibits 2 and 3 discloses the present fares and the proposed ZORF.

Applicant competes with passenger stage carriers, taxi cabs, rental cars, charter bus carriers and private automobiles. The ZORF would provide applicant the flexibility to adjust its fares to meet its revenue needs.

The income statement, between December 3, 1990, when it commenced its operations, and ending on March 31, 1991, showed a net loss of \$887 with an operating ratio of 101%.

Applicant attached to its application, Exhibit 5, "Notice of Filing Zone of Rate Freedom Application", certifying that it has sent a notice to certain parties on June 18, 1991 in compliance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, Rules 23 and 24.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant is a passenger stage corporation operating an on-call service between SF and SFO.
2. Applicant requests authority under PU Code § 454.2 for a ZORF of \$6 above and \$4 below its present fares.
3. Applicant competes with buses, taxi cabs, limousines, passenger stage corporations, and private automobiles in its operations.
4. Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on June 25, 1991.
5. No protests to the application have been filed.

Conclusions of Law

1. A public hearing is not necessary.
2. Before applicant charges fares under the ZORF authorized below, 10 days' notice should be given to this Commission.
3. The filing of ZORF fares should be accompanied by a tariff amendment showing for each fare the high and low ends of the ZORF and the then currently effective rate.
4. In order to make the proposed fares changes available as soon as possible, the following order should be effective on the date of this decision.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. American Airporter Shuttle (applicant) is authorized under Public Utilities Code § 454.2 to establish fares within a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) between the lower limit of the ZORF of \$4 below the present fares and the upper limit of the ZORF of \$6 above the present fares.

2. Applicant shall file a tariff based on the ZORF on no less than 10 days' notice to the Commission and to the public and subject to Commission approval. This authority 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 fare the authorized maximum and minimum fares and the actual fare to be charged.

4. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post notices in its terminals and passenger-carrying vehicles. The notice shall explain the fare changes. 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.

5. The application is granted as set forth above.
This order is effective today.

Dated September 6, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

I abstain.

G. MITCHELL WILK
Commissioner

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
DANIEL WM. FESSLER
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

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


NEAL J. SPAULMAN, Executive Director