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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of )
ALFREDO AND ROSITA G. ANDRES dba )
SACRAMENTO AIRPORT TRANSIT to )
establish a ZONE OF RATE FREEDOM for )
passenger stage service between points)
in its authorized service area.

Application 91-06-024 (Filed June 13, 1991)

## OPINION

Alfredo and Rosita G. Andres, doing business as Sacramento Airport Transit (Applicant), a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1435), request authority for zones of rate freedom fares (ZORF) to increase existing fares under Public Utilities (PU) Code § 454.2. Applicant provides on-call service between points in the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, and Placer, on the one hand, and Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, on the other hand.

Applicant's existing fares were authorized by Decision 89-02-052.

Applicant requests a ZORF for all of its service points as indicated in Exhibit "C". Applicant states that it is experiencing increased costs in operations because of gas and oil price increases.

Applicant also competes with other passenger stage corporations, taxi cabs, limousines, and automobiles in its service area.

Applicant attached to its application a "Proof of Service by Mail" on June 1, 1991 in compliance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, Rules 23 and 24.

Applicant filed an amended Income Statement for six months ending June 30, 1991 that included salary expenses. Applicant showed a net operating loss of \$8,762 with a net operating ratio of 121.08%.

The proposed ZORF when implemented, may conflict with PU Code § 460. Applicant should be allowed to deviate from the long- and short-haul provisions of PU Code § 460.

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Applicant is a passenger stage corporation operating an on-call service between points in the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, and Placer, on the one hand, and Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, on the other hand.
- 2. Applicant requests authority for a ZORF as proposed in its application.
- 3. Applicant competes with passenger stage corporations, taxi cabs, limousines, and automobiles in its operations.
- 4. The granting of an exemption to the long- and short-haul provisions of PU Code § 460 is appropriate in this case.
  - 6. No protests have been received.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on June 19, 1991. No protests to the application have been filed.

# Conclusions of Law

- 1. The application for ZORF should be granted.
- 2. A public hearing is not necessary.
- 3. Before applicant charges fares under the ZORF authorized below, 10 days' notice should be given to this Commission.
- 4. The filing of ZORF fares should be accompanied by a tariff amendment showing between each service point and the airport the high and low ends of the ZORF and the then currently effective rate.
- 5. 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. Alfredo and Rosita G. Andres, doing business as Sacramento Airport Transit (Applicant) is authorized under Public Utilities (PU) Code § 454.2 to increase from present fares to the zones of rate freedom (ZORF) fares requested in Application 91-06-024. Applicant may set fares within the ZORF between the lower limit of the ZORF and the upper limit of the ZORF.
- 2. Applicant shall file a ZORF tariff in accordance with the application on not less than 10 days' notice to the Commission and to the public and 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 § 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. Such notices 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco,

California. .

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

SHULMAN, Exocutive Director

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

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Commissioner John B. Ohanian, being necessarily absent, did not participate.