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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of 24 HOUR AIRPORT)
 EXPRESS, INC. for an order author-)
 izing application of a 14 percent)
 increase of fares departing Los)
 Angeles International Airport to)
 offset increases in the cost of)
 operation due to the entry into a)
 license agreement with the CITY OF)
 LOS ANGELES and THE DEPARTMENT OF)
 AIRPORTS for authorization to pick)
 up passengers at Los Angeles)
 International Airport.)

Application 60972
(Filed October 9, 1981)

O P I N I O N

24 Hour Airport Express, Inc. (applicant) provides an on-call, door-to-door passenger stage corporation service (PSC-1043) between Los Angeles International Airport, Orange County Airport, Hollywood-Burbank Airport, Long Beach Airport, and Ontario International Airport, on the one hand, and all points and places in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Service Area, on the other hand. It also holds and operates under charter-party carrier of passengers Permit No. TCP-325-P.

Applicant requests authority to increase its present fares for all one-way departures from Los Angeles International Airport by \$4.00.

Applicant alleges that the requested fare increase is necessary to offset the recent increase in its cost of operation from Los Angeles International Airport which resulted from a mandatory agreement with the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Department of Airports. By the above agreement, effective August 26, 1981, applicant is required to pay an estimated annual airport fee of \$114,000, based on the carrier's 12 months' operations ended August 26, 1981.

The proposed fare increase of \$4.00 will increase applicant's annual gross revenues by about \$104,000 which is smaller than applicant's payment of the above estimated annual airport fee of \$114,000.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 13, 1981. No protests or requests for public hearing have been received.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks authority to increase one-way fares for passengers departing Los Angeles International Airport by \$4.00.
2. The requested fare increase will result in an additional gross revenue of approximately \$104,000.
3. By a recent mandatory agreement, effective August 26, 1981, applicant is required to pay an estimated annual airport fee of \$114,000, based on the carrier's 12 months' operations ended August 26, 1981.
4. The proposed fare increase is necessary to compensate for the imposed airport fee.
5. The fare increase requested in Application 60972 is justified.
6. No protests have been received and a public hearing is not necessary.
7. Since the proposed fare increase would not result in any increased profit on the part of applicant, but would only serve to enable applicant to partially recoup the increased out-of-pocket costs, the effective date of this order should be the date of signature.

Conclusion of Law

The increased fares are reasonable and justified and should be authorized.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. 24 Hour Airport Express, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 60972. Tariffs shall be filed not earlier than 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 posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

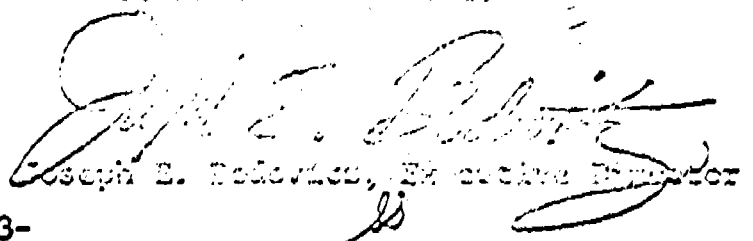
This order is effective today.

Dated JAN 5 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

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


Joseph E. Rodriguez, Executive Director