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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application )  
of San Luis Transportation, Inc., )  
dba SLO Transit, for the authority )  
to adjust certain fares for the )  
transportation of passengers )  
between points in the City of San )  
Luis Obispo. )

Application 61065  
(Filed November 19, 1981)

O P I N I O N

San Luis Transportation, Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1142) engaged in the business of transporting passengers along several routes in San Luis Obispo County.

Applicant seeks authority to increase passenger stage fares as follows:

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Cash	\$ .35	\$ .50
Daily Pass	.70	1.00
Mid-Day Pass	\$ 2.50/month	2.50/month
Token Sales	.35/each	5 for 2.00
Senior Pass	2.50/month	2.50/month
Monthly	16.00	16.00

In support of the requested relief, applicant notes that there have been increases in operating costs since these services were authorized and the present fares were adopted on April 15, 1981. For example: Drivers wages have increased by 11.5% and general vehicle expense has increased by 24.7%. Applicant cites the need for the requested fare increases to help cover these cost increases, maintain eligibility for local funding support provided by the County of San Luis Obispo, and to bring these new routes closer to achieving a fully compensatory, self-supporting basis of operations. The present fares were intentionally set as low as

possible to attract patronage to the routes; the proposed increases are moderate and will result in passenger fares which are still reasonable for the distances of travel provided. The estimated needed increase in annual passenger revenues is \$36,350.

The staff recommends that the application be granted.

Copies of this application were served on interested parties and the application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of this application, under Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests were filed.

Findings of Fact

1. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual revenue of \$36,350.
2. The proposed fares are necessary to ensure the continued viability of these transportation services.
3. The proposed fare increase is justified.
4. No protests have been received concerning this application.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted as set forth below. This order should be effective on the date of signature because the proposed fares are needed now to ensure the continued viability of these transportation services.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Luis Transportation, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in the application. 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 vehicles 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.

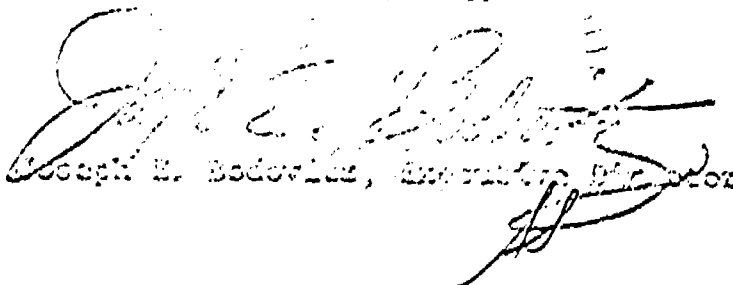
This order is effective today.

Dated JAN 5 1962, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovius, Registrar, Director