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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of QUICKSILVER STAGE LINES for the
authority to increase fares and
route extension for the transporta-
tion of passengers on a regularly
scheduled routes between points
within the Mammoth Lakes Village
and vicinity in Mono County.

Application 61083
(Filed November 27, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Thomas A. Johnson (applicant), doing business as Quicksilver Stage Lines, is operating as a passenger stage corporation between Mammoth Lakes Village and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and Mammoth Lakes-June Lakes Airport (PSC-1052).

By this application, applicant seeks to increase his passenger fares by approximately 19%. In addition, applicant requests authority to extend operations in the Mammoth Lakes area to serve chair lifts 7, 8, and 15 of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.

Applicant alleges that his present fares do not yield sufficient revenue to cover the expenses of operating this passenger stage service.

Applicant further alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased cost in all phases of operation, including fuel, insurance, labor, and maintenance.

The Transportation Division staff has made a study of present and proposed fares, which is summarized as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Test Year Ending 12/31/82</u>	
	<u>Present</u> <u>Fares</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fares</u>
Revenue	\$ 238,325	\$ 285,075
Expenses	277,677	277,677
Operating Income	(39,352)	7,398
Income Tax	(0)	1,479
Net Income	(39,352)	5,919
Operating Ratio	116%	98%

(Red Figure)

The report is received as Exhibit 1. The results of operations show that with the proposed 19% increase, the operating ratio of the passenger stage service would be 98% with a net profit of \$5,919.

In accordance with Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 703.3 and 730.5, public agencies operating or planning public transit systems were notified and asked for comments regarding the proposed rate increases. No replies were received.

Applicant states that by extending his service he will be able to increase ridership and provide service to new areas at Mammoth ski mountain. No certificate of public convenience and necessity exists for the proposed extension.

Applicant proposes to charge \$0.50 per person one way for the new service. Applicant intends to use existing equipment to provide the service.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 1, 1981. No protests have been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The requested fare increase of approximately 19% would result in an additional annual revenue of \$46,750.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the proposed extension of service.
3. Applicant has the ability, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
4. The proposed fares are reasonable.
5. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

1. The proposed fare increase is justified.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the extension of service.
3. A public hearing is not necessary, and since there is a demonstrated need for the requested relief the following order should be effective the date of signature.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Thomas A. Johnson, doing business as Quicksilver Stage Lines, authorizing him to extend his operations as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code Section 226, between points and over the routes set forth in First Revised Page 2 of Appendix A of D.89928, attached.
2. Thomas A. Johnson is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 61083.

3. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in his tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission and make timetables and tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Order Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform system of Accounts.

4. The authority to increase fares shall expire unless exercised within 90 days after the effective date of this order.

5. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of his fares in his 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 19 1982 , at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON

President

RICHARD D. GRAVELLE

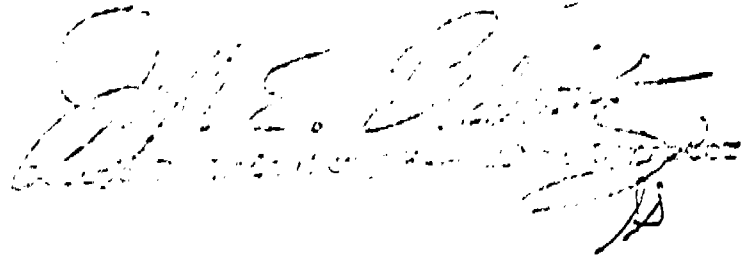
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Appendix A
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Thomas A. Johnson
 Doing Business As
 QUICKSILVER STAGE LINES
 (PSC-1052)

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1: Commencing at the intersection of Chateau Road and Old Mammoth Road, north on Old Mammoth Road to State Highway 203, then on State Highway 203 to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Main Lodge, returning over the same route.

Route 2: Commencing at the Mammoth Lakes Airport, north on State Highway 395 to State Highway 203, then west on State Highway 203 to Mammoth Lakes village, returning over the same route.

* Route 3: Commencing at the intersection of Old Mammoth Road and Meridian Boulevard, west on Meridian Boulevard to Majestic Pines Drive, north on Majestic Pines Drive to Kelly Road, north on Kelly Road to Lake Mary Road, north on Lake Mary Road to State Route 203, west on State Route 203 to Canyon Boulevard, south on Canyon Boulevard, (optional south on Lakeview Blvd.) to chair lifts 7, 8, and 15, return over the reverse of the route. ✓

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Added by Decision 82 01 39, Application 61083. ✓