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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application
of SANTA ROSA AIRPORTER, INC., a
corporation, for authority to
increase rates.

Application 60967
(Filed October 6, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Santa Rosa Airporter, Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-971) operating between Santa Rosa and San Francisco International Airport.

Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares by \$2.00 to offset increases in operating costs.

Applicant's fares were established June 19, 1979 by Decision 90444 dated June 19, 1979, in Application (A.) 58815.

Applicant alleges that the requested fare increase is necessary to offset increases in operating costs.

The following table sets forth applicant's estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares for test year 1981.

TABLE I

	Test Year 1981	
	Present Fares	Proposed Fares
Revenues	\$445,000	\$544,000
Expenses	459,800	459,800
Operating Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(14,800)	84,200
Operating Ratio Before Income Taxes	103.3%	84.5%

(Red Figure)

As indicated by the above table, applicant's operating income in the test year under its present fares will be a loss of \$14,800 with an operating ratio of 103.3%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$99,000, a profit of \$84,200, with an operating ratio of 84.5%.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 10, 1981. No protest or request for public hearing has been received.

The Commission notified affected public transit district operators of the application under Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5, and the Commission requested the public agency to prepare an analysis of the effect of the fare increase on overall transportation problems within the territory served by the public transit system. No response has been received from any public transit district. The fare increase will not affect transit system plans prepared under Chapter 2.5 of Title 7 of the Government Code.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks a \$2.00 increase in its passenger fares to offset increased operating expenses.
2. As shown in Table 1, applicant's operations in the test year will be conducted at a loss of \$14,800 under present fares.
3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual gross revenues of \$99,000 with an operating ratio of 84.5% before taxes.
4. The requested fare increase is necessary to offset increased operating expenses and to ensure applicant's continued operations.
5. The requested fare increase is justified.
6. No protests have been received and a public hearing is not necessary.

7. Since the fare increase is necessary to ensure applicant's continued operations, the effective date of this order should be the date of signature.

Conclusion of Law

The increased fares are reasonable and justified.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Santa Rosa Airporter, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in A.60967. Tariffs shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order. They may go into effect 10 days or more after the effective date of this order on not less than 10 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.

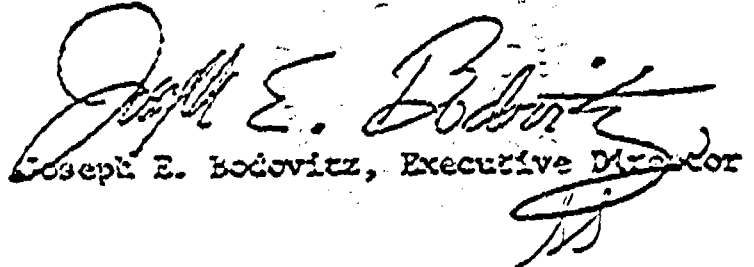
3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least 10 days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 4 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. CRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director