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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application)
of TIFFANY TOURS & TRAVEL)
SERVICE, INC. a California)
corporation, for authority)
to increase fares.)

Application 60583
(Filed May 20, 1981;
amended February 16, 1982)

C O P I N I O N

Tiffany Tours & Travel Service, Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1083) operating sightseeing tours in Southern California.

Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares by approximately 20% to offset increases in operating costs.

Applicant's fares were established by Decisions (D.) 90943 and 92585 dated October 23, 1979 and January 6, 1981, respectively.

Applicant alleges that the requested fare increase is necessary to offset increases in operating costs. As shown in the application, applicant's operations for the period ending December 31, 1980 were conducted at a loss of \$14,340 as represented by an operating ratio before taxes of 106.3%.

The following table sets forth applicant's estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares for a test year ended March 31, 1982.

TABLE 1

	Test Year Ending March 31, 1982	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenues	\$226,631	\$275,681
Expenses	253,018	253,018
Operating Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(26,387)	22,663
Operating Ratio Before Income Taxes	111.6%	91.8%

(Red Figure)

As indicated by the above table, applicant's operating income in the test year under its present fares will be loss of \$26,387 with an operating ratio of 111.6%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$49,050, a profit of \$22,663, with an operating ratio of 91.8%.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 26, 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 (PU) 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 an approximate 20% 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 \$26,387 under present fares.
3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual gross revenues of \$49,050 with an operating ratio of 91.8% 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 and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant Tiffany Tours and Travel Service, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 60583. 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.

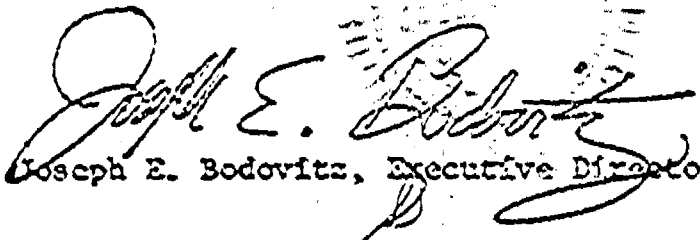
3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least 10 days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated APR 6 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director