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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of GOLDEN STATE LIMOUSINE, INC.
For authority to increase its
passenger stage corporation fares,
pursuant to Section 454 of the
Public Utilities Code.

Application 82-02-31
(Filed February 16, 1982;
amended March 24, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Golden State Limousine, Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-978) operating between the Counties of San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda, and San Francisco International Airport, Oakland International Airport, and San Jose Municipal Airport.

Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares by 10% to offset increases in operating costs.

Applicant was granted a 10% fare increase by Decision (D.) 92687 dated February 4, 1981 in Application (A.) 59921 and a subsequent 10% fare increase by D.93354 dated July 22, 1981 in A.60298.

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 six-month period ending June 30, 1981 were conducted at a loss of \$31,477, as represented by an operating ratio before taxes of 124.0%.

The following table sets forth our Transportation Division staff's adjusted results of operations under present and proposed fares for a test year ended December 31, 1981 after adjusting revenues to reflect the fare increases granted during the test period.

TABLE 1

	Test Year 1981	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenues	\$295,748	\$325,323
Expenses	325,352	325,352
Operating Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(29,604)	(29)
Operating Ratio Before Income Taxes	110.0%	100.0%

(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 \$29,604 with an operating ratio of 110.0%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$29,575, a loss of \$29, with an operating ratio of 100.0%.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 19, 1982. 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 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 10% 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 \$29,604 under present fares.

3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual gross revenues of \$29,575 with an operating ratio of 100.0%, 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. Golden State Limousine, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 82-02-31. 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.

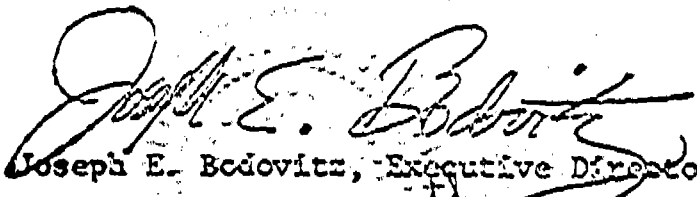
3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least 10 days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUN 2 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
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