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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Agentours, inc.)
a California corporation for)
authority to increase passenger)
fares.)

Application 82-05-23
(Filed May 11, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-906) with authority generally between San Francisco, Carmel, and Muir Woods.

By this application, Agentours seeks authority to increase annual revenue from passenger fares by approximately \$50,845.

Applicant alleges that fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs continue to escalate since the present fares were authorized.

The present fares were originally established by Decision (D.) 85084 dated November 12, 1975 on Application (A.) 55258 as amended and D.79688 dated February 8, 1972 on A.52570. The applications were filed by Agentours' predecessors, Victor Meneses and Graciela Arturi doing business as A. C. Spanish Tour Service.

By. D.89945 dated January 30, 1979 in A.57371, the operative rights of Victor Meneses and Graciela Arturi were transferred to applicant, which adopted the fares shown in Local Tariff No. 1 issued by Meneses and Arturi, dated March 31, 1976.

The Transportation Division has made an engineering economics analysis of the applicant's operations based on the test year ending July 31, 1983.

The results of operations based on the year ending July 31, 1983 under present and proposed fares is summarized as follows:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Year Ending July 31, 1983</u> | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>Present Fares</u> | <u>Requested Fares</u> |
| Revenues | \$115,635 | \$166,480 |
| Expenses | 148,150 | 148,150 |
| Operating Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes | (32,515) | 18,330 |
| Operating Ratio - % | 128% | 89% |

(Red Figure)

In accordance with Section 730.3 of the Public Utilities Code, affected state and local public agencies and corporations operating passenger transit systems were notified of the application and were requested to furnish an analysis of the effect of the proposed fare increase on overall transportation problems within the territories served by such passenger transit systems.

The parties so notified have not responded to our request.

In accordance with Section 730.5 of the Public Utilities Code, we find that the fare increase proposed by applicant will have a negligible effect on patronage, and will have no effect on required transportation plans.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 12, 1982. No protests have been received. The staff recommends that the application be granted.

Findings of Fact

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue of \$50,845.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The proposed fare increase is reasonable and justified and the application should be granted. Since applicant is operating at a loss under presently authorized fares, this order should be effective today.

O R D E R .

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Agentours, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 82-05-23. Tariffs shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order. They may go into effect 5 days or more after the effective date of this order on not less than 5 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 5 days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

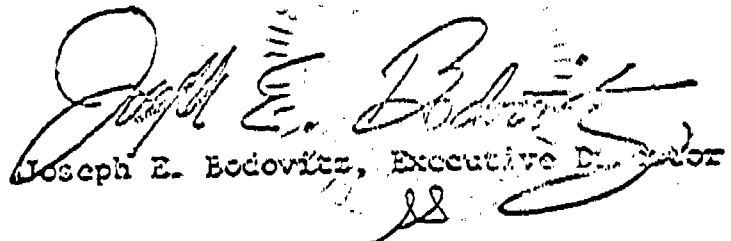
This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 7 1982, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
Commissioners

Commissioner John E. Bryson,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director