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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SKYVIEW LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC., a California Corporation, for authority to adjust its fares.

Application 82-04-70 (Filed April 28, 1982)

## OPINION

Applicant is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-884) operating between territories and cities in southern California. Skyview Limousine Service, Inc. (Skyview) provides a door-to-door personalized service with limousine-type, air-conditioned vehicles. Skyview is also authorized to conduct charter-party operations under a charter permit (TCP-172P).

Applicant requests authority to increase all passenger stage fares by one dollar as follows:

<u>Between</u>	and	Present Fare	Proposed <u>Fare</u>
Los Angeles Territory	Palm Springs Territory	\$21.00	\$22.00
Los Angeles Territory	Points in the Coast Territory north of Oceanside	15.00	16.00
Los Angeles Territory	Points in the Coast Territory including Oceanside and South of Oceanside and including points in the San Diego Territory	18.00	19.00
Palm Springs Territory	Torrance	24.00	25.00
Palm Springs Territory	Long Beach	21.00	22.00
Palm Springs Territory	Seal Beach	21.00	22.00
Palm Springs Territory	Anaheim	18.00	19.00
Palm Springs Territory	Docks in Wilmington, San Pedro, and Long Beach	24.00	25-00

Applicant has already increased its charter rates, and anticipates increasing them by another 5% during the test year ending June 30, 1983.

Applicant's present fares were established by Decision (D.) 90607 dated July 31, 1979, and D.92149 dated August 19, 1980.

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 year ending December 31, 1981 were conducted at a profit of \$4,235 as represented by an operating ratio before income taxes of 98%.

Based on the information contained in the application, the following table sets forth the estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares for a test year ending June 30, 1983.

	Test Year Ending June 30, 1983	
	Present Fares	Proposed Fares
Revenues	\$249,356	\$260,038
Expenses	255,132	255,132
Operating Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(5,776)	4,906
Operating Ratio Before Income Taxes	102%	98%

# (Red Figure)

As indicated by the above table, applicant's operations in the test year ending June 30, 1983 under its present fares will be at a loss of \$5,776. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue of \$260,038, an annual gross revenue increase of \$10,682, with an operating ratio of 98% before income taxes.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit district operators of the receipt of this application under Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests have been received and a public hearing is not necessary.

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares by one dollar each way.
- 2. Applicant's present fares were authorized by D.90607 dated July 31, 1979 and D.92149 dated August 19, 1980.
- 3. Applicant's operations in the test year ending June 30, 1983 under its present fares will be at a loss of \$5,776.
- 4. The requested fare increase will result in an additional annual gross revenue of \$10,682, with an operating ratio of 98% before income taxes.
- 5. The requested fares are necessary to offset the increases in operating costs and to ensure applicant's continued operations.
  - 6. The fare increase requested in A.82-04-70 is justified.
- 7. No protests have been received concerning this application, and a public hearing is not necessary.
- 8. Since applicant is operating at a loss under the present fares, the effective date of this order should be the date of signature.

### Conclusion of Law

The fare increase requested in A.82-04-70 is just and reasonable and should be granted.

# ORDER

#### IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Skyview Limousine Service, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares as proposed in A.82-04-70, filed April 28, 1982. Tariffs shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order. They may go into effect five days or more after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
- 2. This authority shall expire unless exercised within 90 days after the effective date of this order.

3. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, Skyview Limousine Service, Inc. shall give notice to the public by posting in its operating vehicles a printed explanation of its fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_AUG 181982 \_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON

President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
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Commissioners

Commissioner Priscilla C. Grew, being necessarily absent, did not participate

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