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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of STARLINE SIGHTSEEING TOURS,  
INC., a California corporation, for  
authority to adjust rates.

Application 82-07-58  
(Filed July 26, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Starline Sightseeing Tours, Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-857) operating sightseeing tours between certain portions of the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego. Applicant is also authorized to conduct charter operations under Charter-Party Permit TCP-75A.

Applicant requests authority to increase its passenger fares by an average of approximately 21%. Appendix A shows applicant's present and proposed fares.

Applicant increased its charter rates by 12% in January 1982, and anticipates increasing them by another 10%, to be effective in January 1983.

Applicant's present fares were established by Decision (D.) 92420 dated November 18, 1980, in Application (A.) 59824.

Applicant alleges that the requested fare increase is necessary to offset increases in operating costs. As shown in the application, operations for the year ending December 31, 1981 were conducted at a loss of approximately \$115,000.

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 September 30, 1983.

	<u>Test Year Ending September 30, 1983</u>	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenues	\$3,303,000	\$3,419,200
Expenses	3,319,100	3,330,700
Operating Income (Loss)	(16,100)	88,500
Operating Ratio Before Income Taxes	100%	97%

(Red Figure)

As indicated by the above table, applicant's operations in the test year ending September 30, 1983 under its present fares will be at a loss of \$16,100. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$116,200 with an operating ratio of 97% before income taxes.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 2, 1982. 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 approximately 21%.

2. Applicant's present fares were authorized by D.92420 dated November 18, 1980.

3. Applicant's operations in the test year ending September 30, 1983 under its present fares will be at an estimated loss of \$16,100.

4. The requested fare increase will result in an additional annual gross revenue of \$116,200 with an estimated operating ratio of 97% 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.82-07-58 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.82-07-58 is just and reasonable and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Starline Sightseeing Tours, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares as proposed in A.82-07-58, filed July 26, 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.

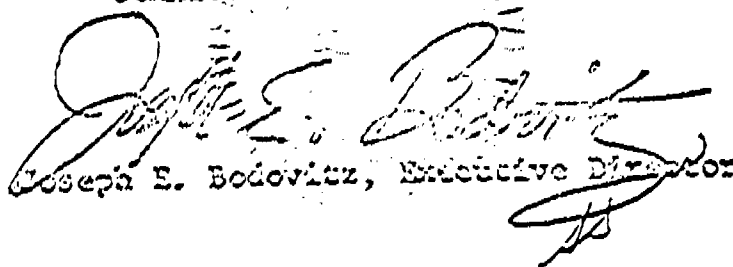
3. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, Starline Sightseeing Tours, Inc. shall give notice to the public by posting in its operating vehicles a printed explanation of its fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare changes and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

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 6 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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## STARLINE SIGHTSEEING TOURS, INC.

PRESENT AND PROPOSED  
ROUND-TRIP PASSENGER FARES

	<u>PRESENT FARES</u>			<u>PROPOSED FARES</u>		
	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>TOUR NO. 1</u> <u>STARS' HOMES</u>						
Adult	7.50	--	7.50	8.50	--	8.50
Child	3.75	--	3.75	4.25	--	4.25
<u>TOUR NO. 2</u> <u>BUSCH GARDENS</u>						
Adult	7.00	--	7.00	7.00	--	7.00
Child	3.50	--	3.50	3.50	--	3.50
<u>TOUR NO. 3</u> <u>UNIVERSAL STUDIOS</u>						
Adult	6.00	8.25	14.25	10.00	9.75	19.75
Child	3.00	6.25	9.25	5.00	7.50	12.50
<u>TOUR NO. 4</u> <u>NIGHTCLUB</u>						
Adult Only	18.00	16.00	34.00	18.50	21.50	40.00
<u>TOUR NO. 5</u> <u>LIBERACE'S HOME</u>						
<u>TOUR NO. 6</u> <u>CITY TOUR</u>						
Adult	9.50	--	9.50	12.00	--	12.00
Child	4.75	--	4.75	6.00	--	6.00

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	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Total</u>			<u>Fare</u>	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>TOUR NO. 7</u>									
<u>KNOTT'S BERRY FARM</u>									
<u>AND WAX MUSEUM</u>									
		<u>Knott's</u>	<u>Museum</u>			<u>Knott's</u>	<u>Museum</u>		
Adult	11.50	7.75	5.75	25.00	14.50	9.95	6.95	31.40	
Child	5.75	6.75	3.95	16.45	7.25	8.95	4.50	20.70	
<u>TOUR NO. 8</u>									
<u>DISNEYLAND</u>									
Adult	11.50	8.50		20.00	14.50	12.00		26.50	
Child	5.75	6.75		12.50	7.25	9.00		16.25	
<u>TOUR NO. 9</u>									
<u>SAN DIEGO CITY</u>									
		<u>Sea</u>	<u>Zoo</u>			<u>Sea</u>	<u>Zoo</u>		
Adult	20.00	8.95	4.25	33.20	23.00	9.95	4.75	37.70	
Child	10.00	6.95	1.00	17.95	11.50	6.95	1.00	19.45	
<u>TOUR NO. 10</u>									
<u>SAN YSIDRO</u>									
Adult	25.00	--		25.00	30.00	--		30.00	
Child	12.50	--		12.50	15.00	--		15.00	

NOTES

Adult -- 12 years of age and over.

Child -- 5 through 11 years of age.

Tour No. 2 - Busch Gardens has suspended operations.  
No change of fares is proposed.

Tour No. 5 - Liberace's home in Hollywood has been sold.

(End of Appendix A)