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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of ROBERT L. CURTIS)
 d.b.a. BOB'S RIDE for authority)
 to increase passenger fares for)
 authorized tour routes.)

Application 82-05-44
 (Filed May 17, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Robert L. Curtis (applicant), doing business as Bob's Ride, is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1061) operating between San Diego International Airport and Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base.

Applicant seeks authority to increase his passenger fares from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per person.

Applicant's present fares were established by Decision 89791 dated December 19, 1978.

Applicant alleges that the requested fare increase is necessary to offset increases in operating costs. The cost of fuel has gone from 70¢ per gallon to about \$1.40 per gallon since the current fares were established.

The Transportation Division staff has reviewed 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.

TABLE 1

	Test Year 1983	
	Present Fares	Proposed Fares
Revenues	\$114,000	\$159,600
Expenses	134,038	138,038
Operating Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(20,038)	21,562
Operating Ratio Before Income Taxes	117.6%	86.5%

(Red Figure)

As indicated by Table 1, applicant's operating income in the test year under his present fares will be a loss of \$20,038 with an operating ratio of 117.6%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$45,600, a profit of \$21,562, with an operating ratio of 86.5%.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar. 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 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 authority to increase his 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 \$20,038 under present fares.
3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual gross revenues of \$45,600 with an operating ratio of 86.5%, 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. Robert L. Curtis is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 82-05-44. 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.

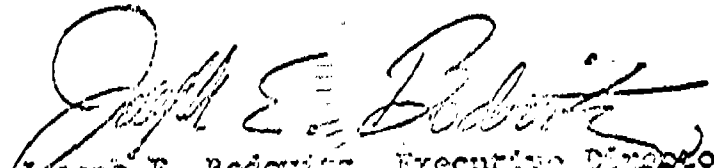
3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 6 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

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