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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Private Industry Council of Ventura County, Inc. for the authority to increase fares for the transportation of passengers on regular scheduled home to work routes between points in Camarillo, Fillmore, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Saticoy and Simi Valley and Newbury Park and Westlake Village in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, to offset recent decrease in subsidy from Federal CETA funds.

Application 82-10-49  
(Filed October 21, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Private Industry Council of Ventura County (applicant), a private nonprofit corporation, is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1191) operating home-to-work bus service between points in Ventura County and Thousand Oaks.

Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per passenger, per week.

Applicant's present fares were established by Decision 93660 dated October 20, 1981.

Applicant states that since its inception, Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds have subsidized the transportation system. No CETA funds have been allocated to applicant for the 1983 fiscal year. Applicant has been awarded \$152,000 by the State of California, SB620 funds. Applicant alleges that the subsidy will be insufficient to maintain the transportation project for twelve months, with fare revenues at the current \$7.00 per passenger, per week.

Applicant also alleges that due to current unemployment trends, ridership has actually decreased over the past several months.

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 December 31, 1983.

TABLE 1

	<u>Test Year 1983</u>	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenues		
Fares	\$ 86,100	\$123,000
SB 620 Funds	<u>152,000</u>	<u>152,000</u>
Total Revenues	238,100	275,000
Expenses		
Contract with Service Provider	239,496	239,496
Other Expenses	<u>15,758</u>	<u>15,758</u>
Total Expenses	255,254	255,254
Net Income (Loss)	(17,154)	19,746
Operating Ratio	107.2%	92.8%

(Red Figure)

As indicated by Table 1, applicant's operating income in the test year under its present fares will be a loss of \$17,154 with an operating ratio of 107.2%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$36,900, a profit of \$19,746, with an operating ratio of 92.8%.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar. No protest or request for public hearing has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares to offset the decrease in operating subsidies.
2. As shown in Table 1, applicant's operations in the test year will be conducted at a loss of \$17,154 under present fares.
3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual gross revenues of \$36,900 with an operating ratio of 92.8%.
4. The requested fare increase is necessary to offset the decrease in operating subsidies 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, this order should be effective today.

Conclusion of Law

The increased fares are reasonable and justified.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Private Industry Council of Ventura County is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 82-10-49. 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.

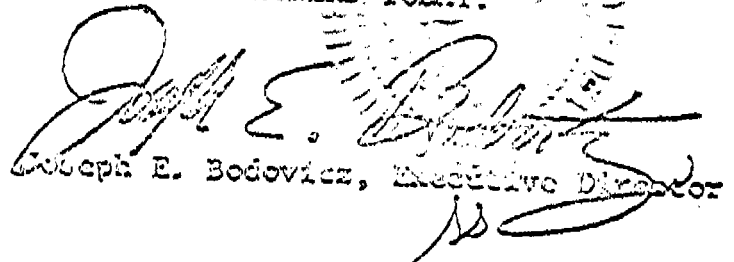
3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least ten days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated DEC 15 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovick, Executive Director