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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 J. Chapman Morris, dba Fillmore Area
 Transit Corp., an individual, for the
 authority to increase fares for the
 transportation of passengers in
 Ventura County, to offset recent in-
 creases in fuel and other operating
 expenses.

Application 82-10-36
 (Filed October 15, 1982)

C E I N I O N

J. Chapman Morris, dba Fillmore Area Transit Corp.
 (applicant), is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1202) operating
 local and intercity transit service between points in Ventura
 County.

Applicant seeks authority to increase his passenger fares,
 which will increase revenue by approximately 42%. Table 1 sets
 forth the present and proposed fares. Applicant's present fares
 were established by Decision 82-03-088 dated March 16, 1982.

Applicant states that operating expenses for the initial
 period of operation were higher than expected and requests this
 fare increase to offset the unanticipated expenses. The income
 statement, Exhibit C to the application, indicates a loss of
 \$6,766.81 for the six months ending June 30, 1982.

Applicant operates the passenger transportation service
 under contract with the City of Fillmore. The funding is provided
 by the State Transit Assistance Funds (SB 620).

TABLE 1

FILLMORE AREA TRANSIT CORPORATION

P S C #1202

<u>Present Fares</u>		<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Rt. 1	Fillmore Dial-A-Ride.....\$.25	\$1.00
Rt. 1	Fillmore City Run..... .25	.35
Rt. 1	Fillmore-Piru Run..... .50	same
Rt. 2&3	Fillmore-Santa Paula..... .50	same
Rt. 2&3	Fillmore-Ventura..... .75	\$1.00
Rt. 2&3	Santa Paula-Ventura..... .50	1.00
Rt. 4	Fillmore-Moorpark..... .50	same
Rt. 4	Moorpark-Simi Valley..... .50	same
Rt. 4	Fillmore-Simi Valley..... .75	\$1.00

<u>Monthly Pass Rates - Present Rates</u>		<u>Proposed Pass Rates</u>
Rt. 1	Fillmore City Run.....\$ 7.50	no pass offered
Rt. 1	Fillmore-Piru..... 15.00	same
Rt. 2&3	Fillmore-Santa Paula..... 15.00	same
Rt. 2&3	Fillmore-Ventura..... 22.00	\$25.00
Rt. 2&3	Santa Paula-Ventura..... 15.00	25.00
Rt. 2&3	Santa Paula-Ventura (A.M. ONLY).....	not offered..... 15.00
Rt. 2&3	Santa Paula-Ventura (A.M. ONLY).....	not offered..... 15.00
Rt. 4	Fillmore-Moorpark..... 15.00	same
Rt. 4	Moorpark-Simi Valley..... 15.00	same
Rt. 4	Fillmore-Simi Valley..... 22.00	25.00

<u>Senior Citizen Pass Rates - Present Rates</u>		<u>Proposed Pass Rates</u>
Rt. 1	Fillmore City Run.....\$ 5.75	(Senior passes are being eliminated because senior citizens prefer to pay individual fares rather than lose the bus system.)
Rt. 1	Fillmore-Piru..... 11.25	
Rt. 2&3	Fillmore-Santa Paula..... 11.25	
Rt. 2&3	Fillmore-Ventura..... 16.50	
Rt. 2&3	Santa Paula-Ventura..... 11.25	
Rt. 4	Fillmore-Moorpark..... 11.25	
Rt. 4	Fillmore-Simi Valley..... 16.50	
Rt. 4	Moorpark-Simi Valley..... 11.25	

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 2

	Test Year 1983	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Fare Revenues	\$ 18,134	\$ 25,685
SB 620 Funds	<u>101,980</u>	<u>101,980</u>
Total Revenues	120,114	127,665
Total Expenses	125,630	125,630
Operating Income (Loss)		
Before Income Taxes	(5,516)	2,035
Operating Ratio		
Before Income Taxes	104.6%	98.4%

(Red Figure)

As indicated by Table 2, applicant's operating income in the test year under his present fares will be a loss of \$5,516 with an operating ratio of 104.6%. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue increase of \$7,551, a profit of \$2,035, with an operating ratio of 98.4%.

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 his passenger fares to offset unanticipated operating expenses.
2. As shown in Table 2, applicant's operations in the test year will be conducted at a loss of \$5,516 under present fares.
3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual gross revenues of \$7,551 with an operating ratio of 98.4%.
4. The requested fare increase is necessary to offset 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, 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. J. Chapman Morris is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 82-10-36. 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.

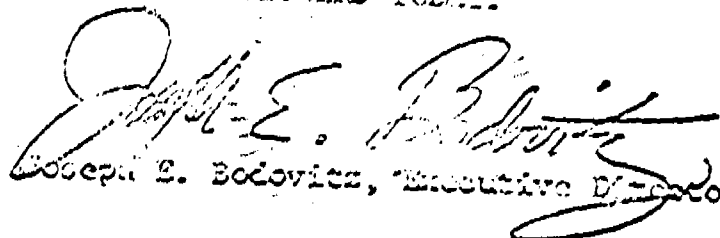
3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of his fares in his buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least 5 days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated JAN 12 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GREMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director