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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
TRAVELERS TRANSIT CO., INC. for)	Application 83-06-02
the Authority to Increase Daily)	(Filed June 2, 1983)
Fare, Toll & Charge to Passengers.)	

O P I N I O N

Travelers Transit Co., Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-936) operating between Richmond and San Rafael (including San Quentin).

Applicant seeks authority to increase its one-way passenger fares as shown in the following table:

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
San Rafael to San Quentin Entrance	\$0.50	\$0.75
San Rafael to Standard Oil Entrance	1.50	2.00
San Rafael to Richmond (Greyhound Depot)	1.50	2.00
San Rafael to Richmond (Bart Station)	1.50	2.00
Richmond to San Quentin Entrance	1.00	1.25
Richmond to San Rafael	1.50	2.00

Applicant's fares were established by Decision (D.) 89927 dated January 30, 1979 in Application (A.) 58504.

In a tariff filing, issued February 28, 1980 and made effective March 29, 1980, applicant reduced its one-way passenger fare from \$0.75 to \$0.50 for its San Rafael to San Quentin Entrance service and from \$1.50 to \$1.00 for its Richmond to San Quentin Entrance service. All other fares remained at the level authorized by D.89927.

Applicant alleges that the requested fare increases are necessary to offset increases in operating costs. As shown in the application, applicant's operations for the period ending December 31, 1982 were conducted at a net operating loss of \$4,135 as represented by an operating ratio before income taxes of 111.1%.

The Transportation Division has conducted an engineering economics review of the application. The following table sets forth the estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares for a test year ended October 31, 1984.

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
Passenger Revenue	\$37,122	\$49,372
<u>Expenses</u>		
Operation & Maintenance	38,000	38,000
Depreciation	5,500	5,500
Taxes & Licenses	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$44,500	\$44,500
Net Operating Income (Loss) Before Taxes	(7,378)	4,872
Operating Ratio, Before Taxes	119.9%	90.1%

(Red Figure)

The proposed fare increase will result in a total revenue increase of approximately \$12,250 per year.

A.83-06-02 was placed on the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 6, 1983 and on the Commission's Transportation Calendar on June 7, 1983. There have been no protests and a public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. At present fares, it is estimated that applicant would lose \$7,378 in the rate year.
2. At proposed fares it is estimated that applicant would make a profit of \$4,872 in the rate year.
3. Applicant needs the fare increase sought in order to eliminate its losses. The fare increase is reasonable.
4. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.
5. The fare increase should be made effective as soon as possible in order to minimize operating losses.

Conclusions of Law

1. Applicant should be authorized to increase its passenger fares as requested.
2. We should make this decision effective the date it is signed and allow applicant to institute its proposed fares with only five day's notice to the public in order to reduce applicant's operating losses.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Travelers Transit Co., Inc. is authorized to establish the increased passenger fares proposed in Application 83-06-02. 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 5 days before the effective date of the fare change and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 19 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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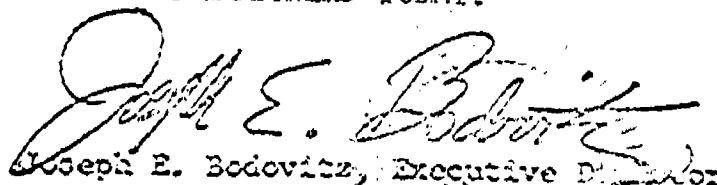
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Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director