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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of William J. Fruitt, dba University
Limousine, for the authority to
increase fares for the transportation
of passengers and express baggage
service between Davis, California
and the Sacramento Metro Airport,
Sacramento, California.

Application 83-08-57
(Filed August 25, 1983)

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O P I N I O N

William J. Fruitt (applicant), dba University Limousine, is a passenger stage corporation (PSC 1074) operating between Davis and Sacramento Metropolitan Airport.

Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger fares within a range of 17% to 29% and its Express rates by approximately 43%. Applicant alleges that the requested increases are necessary to offset increases in operating costs. Applicant's present fares and rates were established by Decision (D-) 90674, dated August 14, 1979, in Application (A-) 58808.

Based on the data contained in the application, and additional information received from applicant, the following table sets forth the estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares and rates for a test year ending June 30, 1984.

	<u>Test Year Ending, June 30, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Fares & Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Fares & Rates</u>
Operating Revenues	\$52,000	\$66,600
Operating Expenses	52,000	52,000
Operating Income		
Before Income Taxes	----- 0-	14,600
Operating Ratio		
Before Income Taxes	----- 100%	78%

As indicated by above table, applicant's operations in the test year ending June 30, 1984 under its present fares will be at the break-even point. The proposed fares will result in an annual gross revenue of \$66,600, an annual gross revenue increase of \$14,600, with an operating ratio of 78% before income taxes.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 26, 1983. No protest or request for public hearing has been received.

The Commission has received no requests for notification under PU Code Section 730.3.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger stage fares within a range of 17% and 29% and express rates by approximately 43%.
2. Applicant's present fares and rates were authorized by D.90674 dated August 14, 1979.
3. Applicant's operations in the test year ending June 30, 1984 under its present fares will be at the break-even point.
4. The requested increases will result in additional annual gross revenue of \$14,600, with an operating ratio of 78% before income taxes.
5. The requested fares are necessary to offset applicant's increases in operating costs.
6. The fare increase requested in A.83-08-57 is justified.
7. No protests have been received concerning this application, and a public hearing is not necessary.
8. The Commission has received no requests for notification under PU Code Section 730.3
9. Since applicant's operations will be at the break-even point under the present fares and rates, this order should be effective today.

Conclusion of Law

The fare increase requested in A.83-08-57 is just and reasonable and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. William J. Fruitt is authorized to establish the increased fares and rates as proposed in A.83-08-57, filed August 25, 1983. 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, applicant 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.

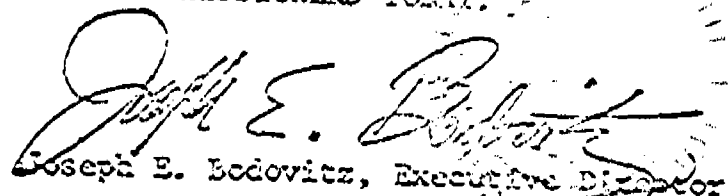
Dated NOV 2 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VECTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
WILLIAM W. BAGLEY
Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Viel, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director