

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 86745

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Joseph R. Foster )  
 to make passenger and express rate ) Application No. 56698  
 increases necessary to maintain ) (Filed August 19, 1976)  
 passenger, baggage, and express )  
 service between Taft, California, )  
 and Bakersfield, California. )

O P I N I O N

Joseph R. Foster operates as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-7) between Taft and Bakersfield and intermediate points. Applicant operates two round trips daily between Taft and Bakersfield, a one-way distance of 39 miles, with no service on Sundays or holidays. By this application, Joseph R. Foster requests authority to increase his passenger fares and express rates by approximately ten percent as outlined in the application.

In support of this application, applicant cites increases in insurance rates, wages and operating costs. The increase in revenue resulting from the proposed rate increase is estimated by the applicant to be \$1,497 annually. The estimated total annual compensation to the owner-manager would be \$896 from present rates and \$2,393 from the requested rates. The present passenger fares and express rates have been in effect since August 7, 1974.

Copies of this application were served on interested parties and the application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the receipt of this application pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests or comments have been received.

The Transportation Division staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

After consideration, the Commission finds that the requested rate increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Joseph R. Foster is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 56698. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than five days 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 ninety 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 buses a printed explanation of its rates. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the rate changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1976.

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President

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Commissioners