

Decision No. 87913 SEP 27 1977**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GREAT AMERICAN
STAGELINE, INC. to make an in-
crease in the one-way passenger
fares between Ventura, Oxnard,
Camarillo, Thousand Oaks,
Westlake Village, Woodland Hills
and Los Angeles International
Airport; and miscellaneous
Rules and Regulations changes
in its current Passenger
Tariff, CAL PUC No. 4

Application No. 57493
(Filed August 1, 1977)

O P I N I O N

Great American Stageline, Inc., presently operates as a Passenger Stage Corporation (ISC-962) transporting passengers and their baggage between Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and Woodland Hills on the one hand, and the Los Angeles International Airport on the other hand.

By this application Great American Stageline, Inc. seeks authority to increase its individual one-way fares in its passenger stage operations by one dollar for a net increase of approximately 15 percent as follows:

Passenger Fares
(one way)

Between Los Angeles
International Airport and:

Fares Applicable to:
1) Adults and children 13
years old and older
2) Unaccompanied children 6
years old thru 12 years old

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
1. Woodland Hills.....	\$ 4.00.....	\$ 5.00
2. Westlake Village.....	\$ 6.00.....	\$ 7.00
3. Thousand Oaks.....	\$ 6.00.....	\$ 7.00
4. Camarillo.....	\$ 8.00.....	\$ 9.00
5. Oxnard.....	\$ 9.00.....	\$10.00
6. Ventura.....	\$10.00.....	\$11.00

The applicant alleges that the requested fare increase would cover a substantial increase in labor, fuel and equipment rental expense since the present fares were authorized.

The present fares of the applicant were established by Decision No. 85055 in Application No. 55294, Decision No. 85784 in Application No. 56319 and Decision No. 87452 in Application No. 57051.

In addition to an increase in fares, the applicant seeks authority to make miscellaneous changes in its Rules and Regulations in its current Passenger Tariff CAL PUC No. 4, consisting of raising the age at which minors would be charged an adult fare, limiting the weight of baggage carried and establishing rules for filing a loss claim.

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of the applicant's operations, and submitted a report on the estimated results of operations based on the rate year ending December 31, 1978 under present and proposed fares. The report, which is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1, indicated the following results:

Passenger Stage Operations			
Item	1976		Rate Year 1978
	Historical	Year	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1 Revenues	\$197,635	\$219,200	\$251,800
2 Expenses	191,668	227,700	227,600
3 Operating Income	5,967	-8,500	24,200
4 Income Taxes	1,558	200	6,600
5 Net Income	4,409	-8,700	17,400
6 Operating Ratio - %	97.8	104.0	93.0

In accordance with Sections 730.3 and 730.5 of the Public Utilities Code, the State and local agencies operating or planning public transit systems were notified and asked for comments regarding the proposed fare increase. Only South Coast

Area Transit District responded with the comment that this matter would not affect its plans or operations.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 4, 1977. No protest or request for public hearing has been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue of approximately \$32,600.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. The proposed changes in the Rules and Regulations of applicant's Passenger Tariff CAL PUC No. 4 will not be adverse to the public interest.

A public hearing is not necessary.

We conclude that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Great American Stageline, Inc., is authorized to establish the rules, insofar as they are in compliance with General Order No. 139, and increased fares proposed in Application 57493. 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. The 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 and terminals 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 thirty days.

Since the carrier is presently operating at a substantial loss, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 1977.

Robert B. Fierman
President

Vernon L. Stinson
Robert W. Thavall
David L. DeBrie
Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.