

Decision No. 89602

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of:
 DELMAR JONES, doing business as
 HOLIDAY LIMOUSINE SERVICE, for
 authority to increase its per capita
 rates pursuant to Section 454 of the
 Public Utilities Code in connection
 with the transportation of passengers
 on one-way trips between Bay Area air-
 ports and points in Alameda and Contra
 Costa Counties.

Application No. 58115
 (Filed June 1, 1978)
 (Amended September 6, 1978)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Delmar Jones, an individual, doing business as Holiday Limousine Service, and operating as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-960) to provide service between points in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and four of the major Bay Area airports, requests approval to increase his one-way fares by varying amounts which will result in an increase in gross revenues of \$56,640 per year.

Applicant contends that the present fares are inadequate to give him a fair profit and that, in fact, he is operating at a loss. The application shows that for the calendar year 1977, the applicant had a net loss of \$214 before taxes on income.

The Commission staff reviewed the application and determined that several of the fares, as proposed, would be in violation of Public Utilities Code Section 460, which prohibits charging more for a shorter distance than for a longer distance on the same route. The matter was brought to the applicant's attention and an amendment to the application was filed September 6, 1978, modifying the requested fares and providing additional financial and statistical data.

The Transportation Division of the Commission staff reviewed the data in the application, as amended, the annual reports to the Commission and the operations of applicant. Although the applicant has not included any allowance for his, or his spouse's services to the operation and is using lives for depreciation purposes which are

inconsistent with those employed by the staff for rate-fixing purposes, the staff is of the opinion that the rate relief requested is justified. Assuming proper depreciation lives, the staff estimates that the amended proposed fares will produce an increase in gross revenues of \$48,850 and yield an operating ratio of 93 percent or higher.

Based on its review, the staff recommends that the applicant be granted authority to increase his fares to those shown in Appendix "A".

Notice of the filing of this application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 8, 1978. 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 to the application have been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that the increase in rates and charges authorized by this decision are justified and are reasonable, and the present rates and charges, insofar as they differ from those prescribed by this decision, are for the future, unjust and unreasonable. A public hearing on this application is not necessary.

Applicant is put on notice that adopting a depreciation schedule which uses nine years total life for vehicles with no less than three years remaining life for vehicles purchased used, may expedite the processing of future rate applications.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Holiday Limousine Service is authorized to establish the increased rates as shown in Appendix "A" of this decision. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective no earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten 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 his vehicles and terminals a printed explanation of his fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than ten days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

4. To the extent not granted above, the application is denied.

Because the applicant's operations are being conducted at a loss at this time, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
31st day of OCTOBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William J. Lyons
Verona L. Sturgeon
Charles D. Gould
Clare T. DeWitt
Commissioners

Delmar Jones
d.b.a.
HOLIDAY LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Appendix A

AUTHORIZED FARES

<u>Between/And</u>	<u>SFO</u>	<u>OAK</u>	<u>SJC</u>	<u>LVC</u>
Alamo	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Castro Valley	15.00	14.00	17.00	17.00
Clayton	20.00	20.00	25.00	20.00
Concord	18.00	16.00	21.00	18.00
Danville	15.00	16.00	16.00	15.00
Diablo	17.00	16.00	17.00	16.00
Dublin	15.00	15.00	16.00	14.00
Fremont	15.00	16.00	15.00	18.00
Hayward	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00
Lafayette	16.00	16.00	21.00	17.00
Livermore	15.00	16.00	16.00	10.00
Moraga	20.00	16.00	25.00	20.00
Newark	15.00	16.00	15.00	18.00
North Concord	21.00	17.00	25.00	18.00
North Pleasant Hill	20.00	17.00	25.00	18.00
Orinda	16.00	16.00	25.00	20.00
Pacheco	20.00	17.00	25.00	18.00
Pleasant Hill	18.00	16.00	21.00	17.00
Pleasanton	15.00	15.00	16.00	12.00
Rossmoor	16.00	16.00	21.00	17.00
San Leandro	15.00	14.00	17.00	17.00
San Lorenzo	15.00	14.00	17.00	17.00
San Ramon	15.00	15.00	16.00	14.00
Sunol	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00
Union City	15.00	16.00	15.00	18.00
Walnut Creek	16.00	16.00	21.00	17.00

SFO - San Francisco International Airport

OAK - Oakland International Airport

SJC - San Jose Airport

LVC - Livermore Airport