

Decision No. 89693 NOV 28 1978**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)

EVANS AIRPORT SERVICE, INC., a)
corporation,)for a rate increase for existing)
service between the City of Napa)
and the San Francisco International)
Airport.)Application No. 58320
(Filed August 28, 1978)O P I N I O N

Evans Airport Service, Inc. (Evans), a corporation, presently provides service as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-985) for passengers and their baggage between the City of Napa and the San Francisco International Airport.

By this application, Evans seeks authority to increase the one-way fare from \$8.50 to \$9.50 (approximately 11.8 percent).^{1/} The present fares were established by Decision No. 85468 dated February 18, 1976 in Application No. 55749.

Evans alleges that the proposed fare increase will offset increased operating costs and will allow the operation of a third vehicle necessary due to the increased patronage.

The Transportation Division staff has made an engineering-economic study of the applicant's operation and has prepared a report on the estimated results of operations based on the future year ending December 31, 1979 under present and proposed fares. The report is hereby received as Exhibit 1. The exhibit indicates the following results:

^{1/} This application (as filed) contained an error which requested that the "round-trip" fare of \$8.50 is proposed to be \$9.50. By letter dated November 14, 1978, the applicant states that the error was inadvertent, and the application should read that the "one-way" fare of \$8.50 is proposed to be \$9.50.

ESTIMATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
HISTORICAL YEAR (1977) AND RATE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1979

| : Item or Account : : Number: Description: | : Historical : : Year 1977 : | : Rate Year Ending December 31, 1979 : : At Present Fares : At Requested Fares: | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| | Bus Miles | 180,002 | 209,560 | 209,560 |
| | Passengers | 9,806 | 12,345 | 11,975 |
| | Vehicles Operated | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| | <u>Revenue</u> | | | |
| 320 | Passengers | \$ 81,932 | \$104,932 | \$113,762 |
| | <u>Expenses</u> | | | |
| 410 | Maintenance | \$ 4,990 | \$ 6,238 | \$ 6,328 |
| 420 | Transp. | 31,110 | 42,230 | 42,230 |
| 430 | Station | 13,236 | 17,352 | 17,352 |
| 440 | Traffic | 932 | 6,941 | 6,941 |
| 450 | Insurance | 6,411 | 10,412 | 10,412 |
| 460 | Administ. | 7,824 | 11,882 | 11,882 |
| 500 | Depreciation | 1,776 | 3,208 | 3,208 |
| 520 | Taxes | 3,732 | 5,571 | 5,571 |
| 530 | Rent | 2,457 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| 400&500 | Total Oper. Expenses | \$ 72,468 | \$105,934 | \$105,934 |
| | Operating Income | \$ 9,464 | \$ -1,002 | \$ 7,828 |
| 800 | Income Tax | \$ 200 | \$ 200 | \$ 1,500 |
| | Net Income | 9,264 | -1,202 | 6,328 |
| | Operating Ratio-% | 88.5 | 101.0 | 93.1 |

Notice of filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 31, 1978. Additionally, the Commission staff notified public transit operating and planning agencies of the filing of this application, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. Evans posted notices (in the main office passenger area and in each passenger vehicle) describing this application and including the address of this Commission. No protests have been received.

F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual revenue of \$8,830.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Evans Airport Service, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 58320. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall 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 a printed explanation of its fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare increase and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of NOVEMBER, 1978.

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Robert Botwinich

President

William Sproun Jr.

Robert D. Gandy

Clare J. DeBruin

Commissioners