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Decision No. 89794

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Gray Line Tours)
 Company (A Corporation), under the)
 Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)
 to publish tariff provisions re-)
 sulting in increases in passenger)
 tour fares.)

Application No. 58386 (SPT
 (Filed September 28, 1978)

O P I N I O N

The Gray Line Tours Company, a corporation, (Gray Line) operates a sightseeing bus service over various routes and tours in Southern California and is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-522) for intrastate service in California. As a portion of the intrastate service, Gray Line operates Tour Nos. 16 and 17 from Los Angeles to Universal City.

By this application, Gray Line seeks authority to increase the transportation fares for these tours as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Tour 16 - Adult (12 and Over)	\$12.60	\$14.00
Child (5-11)	6.30	7.00
Tour 17 - Adult (12 and Over)	\$12.60	\$14.00
Child (5-11)	6.30	7.00

The application seeks processing by the provisions of Rule 25, Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The present fares are authorized by Decision 84749 and became effective January 1, 1976. The present California intrastate passenger fares provide for an estimated \$13,053,031 gross income for year ending July 31, 1978. ✓

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The following table summarizes an estimate of the fare increase on gross income for the year ending July 31, 1978:

TABLE 1

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Gray Line per A. 58386</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
1	Proposed Fares	80,000 Adults @\$14.00	\$.1,120,000
2	" "	20,000 Children @\$7.00	<u>140,000</u>
3	Total - Proposed Revenue on Tour Nos. 16 & 17 . . .		\$.1,260,000
4	Present Fares	80,000 Adults @\$12.60	\$.1,008,000
5	" "	20,000 Children @\$6.30	<u>126,000</u>
6	Total - Present Revenue on Tour Nos. 16 and 17 . . .		\$.1,134,000
7	L3-L6	Fare Increase Revenue	\$. 126,000
8	L7 = \$13,053,031	Percent Increase	0.965%

Line 8 shows that, in the knowledge and belief of the applicant, the proposed increase would not increase applicant's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 29, 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. Southern California Rapid Transit District responded that their present services could absorb any additional ridership if deflection occurs. No protests have been received, and a public hearing is not necessary.

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After consideration, the Commission finds that the additional \$126,000 revenue will increase the applicant's gross intrastate revenue by 0.965%. Because of the foregoing, this application qualifies for Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket consideration.

The Commission concludes that the authority requested in Application 58386 (SPT) for an increase in passenger fares be granted. It is estimated that the granting of these fare increases will result in approximately \$126,000 additional revenue in the rate year.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Gray Line Tours Company, a corporation, is authorized to establish passenger stage fares as requested in its application, filed September 28, 1978. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective 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 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 thirty days.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof to accommodate advertising brochures periodically revised on January 1 of each year.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of DECEMBER, 1978.

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