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Decision No. 89926 JAN 30 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)	
of FRANCISCAN LINES, INC. a)	
California corporation For per-)	Application No. 58392
mission to raise fares on its)	(Filed October 2, 1978)
Livermore and Danville commute)	
runs by \$20,386.19 to offset)	
specific cost increases.)	

O P I N I O N

Franciscan Lines, Inc. (Franciscan) provides a passenger commute service as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-890) between Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin (Livermore), on the one hand, and Oakland and San Francisco, on the other hand; and between Danville and Alamo (Danville) and San Francisco. Applicant also provides extensive passenger charter-party operations (TCP-149A). It here seeks authority to increase its fares for the commute service as follows:

20-Ride Commute Fares

<u>Between</u>	<u>And</u>	<u>Present Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Livermore	San Francisco	\$37.50	\$43.50	16%
Livermore	Oakland	31.69	36.75	16%
Danville	San Francisco	34.50	38.65	12%

Present Fares and Rates

The present level of Franciscan's passenger fares was established November 10, 1976, pursuant to Decision No. 86066, signed July 7, 1976 in Application No. 56198.

The staff of the Transportation Division (staff) has made an analysis of the applicant's operations, and submitted a report identified and received as Exhibit 1 on the estimated results of

operations based on the future year ending December 31, 1979, under present and proposed commute fares.

The report is hereby received as Exhibit 1.

An analysis of Franciscan's records show a continued upward trend in unit wages paid to drivers and unit insurance costs. The results of operation show that even with the proposed commute fare increase, the operating ratio of the commute passenger stage service would range between 104 percent for the Danville commute to 132 percent for the Livermore commute, with a combined commute loss of \$24,744.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar. Additionally, the 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 adverse comments have been received.

The Commission received a number of letters from the commuters asking that certain service deficiencies be corrected before a fare increase is granted. The staff brought this matter to the attention of Franciscan and accepted its response to provide their commuters with better service.

After consideration, the Commission finds that the requested increases are justified and a public hearing is not necessary. It is estimated that the granting of the fare increase will result in approximately \$20,160 additional revenue in the rate year. In view of the extreme operating loss, there is an immediate need for rate relief, and the effective date should be the date hereof.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Franciscan Lines, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased passenger stage fares as requested in its application filed October 2, 1978. Tariff publications authorized to be made effective as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective

date of this order and 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 applicant will continue to operate at a substantial loss even after a fare increase, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of JANUARY, 1979.

Richard D. Howell
President
Leonard L. Sturgeon
Clair T. DeLoach

Commissioner John E. Bryson

Present but not participating.

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.

Present but not participating.

Commissioners