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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TRAVELERS TRANSIT CO. INC. for)	
the Authority to Increase Daily)	Application No. 58504
Fare, Toll and Charge to)	(Filed December 6, 1978)
Passengers.)	

O P I N I O N

Travelers Transit Co., Inc., (Travelers) operates as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-936) between Richmond and San Rafael (including San Quentin). Applicant operates 9 round trips daily between Richmond and San Rafael with no service on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

In support of this application, applicant cites "the unusual and extreme increase in operational costs". The increase in revenue resulting from the proposed rate increase is estimated by the applicant to be \$11,344 annually. As shown in Table 1, the Transportation Division staff estimates the increase in annual revenue from the rate increase to be \$7,000. The present passenger fares and express rates were established by Decision 83600 dated October 16, 1974 in Application 54354.

The Transportation Division staff has made an engineering-economic study for the applicant's operation and has prepared a report on the estimated results of operation 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:

TABLE 1: ESTIMATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
 HISTORICAL YEAR (1977) AND
 RATE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1979

: Item or Account		: Historical	: Rate Year Ending December 31, 1979	
: Number	: Description	: Year 1977	: At Present Fares	: At Requested Fares:
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Bus Miles	56,160	56,160	56,160
	Revenue			
320	Passenger	\$21,711	\$24,000	\$31,000
	Expenses			
410	Maintenance	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
420	Transportation	11,692	15,900	15,900
430	Station	285	300	300
440	Traffic	421	500	500
450	Insurance	5,276	5,300	5,300
460	Administration	9,618	10,000	10,000
520	Taxes	2,346	2,400	2,400
531	Rent	3,300	3,900	3,900
400 & 500	Total Operation- al Expenses	35,486	40,800	40,800
	Operating Income	(13,775)	(16,800)	(9,800)
800	Income taxes	200	200	200
	Net Income	(13,975)	(17,000)	(10,000)
	Operating Ratio-%	164.4	170.8	132.3

As indicated in Table 1, Travelers would operate at a loss even with the proposed rate increase. The managers forego any salary to enable the company to continue to operate.

Notice of filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar on December 7, 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. The Marin County Transit District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission responded with letters indicating no objections to the proposed rate increase. 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 \$7,000.
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. Travelers Transit, Co., Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 58504. 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.

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

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

Richard C. Gwalt
President

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Clair T. Deibel

_____ Commissioners

Commissioner John E. Bryson
Present but not participating.

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.
Present but not participating.