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Decision No. 90572

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GREAT AMERICAN STAGELINE, Inc. to make an increase in the one-way passenger fares between Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks Westlake Village and Los Angeles International Airport, in its current Passenger Tariff, Cal. PUC No. 5

Application No. 58923
(Filed June 11, 1979)

O P I N I O N

Great American Stageline, Inc., presently operates as a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC-962) transporting passengers and their baggage between Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and Woodland Hills on the one hand, and the Los Angeles International Airport on the other hand. Applicant also operates as a Class A Charter Party Carrier of Passenger (TCP-219A).

By this application Great American Stageline, Inc. seeks authority to increase its individual one-way fares in its passenger stage operations by one dollar except for Woodland Hills for a net increase of approximately 13 percent as follows:

Passenger Fares
(One Way)

- Fares Applicable to:
1) Adults and children 13 years old and older
2) Unaccompanied children 8 years old thru 12 years old

Between Los Angeles International Airport and:

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
1. Woodland Hills.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
2. Westlake Village.....	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00
3. Thousand Oaks.....	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00
4. Camarillo.....	\$ 9.00	\$10.00
5. Oxnard.....	\$10.00	\$11.00
6. Ventura.....	\$11.00	\$12.00

The applicant alleges that the requested fare increase would cover substantial increases in labor, fuel and office lease expense since the present fares were authorized.

The present fares of the applicant were established by Decision No. 87913 dated September 27, 1977 in Application No. 57493.

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of the data in the application and determined that when the revenues from charter operations are included the combined operating ratios for total carrier's services for 1979 will be 96.3% at present fares and 90.8% at the fares proposed in the application.

In accordance with Sections 730.3 and 730.5 of the Public Utilities Code, the State and local agencies operating or planning public transit systems were notified and asked for comments regarding the proposed fare increase.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 11, 1979. No protest or request for public hearing has been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue of approximately \$30,700.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. We conclude that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Great American Stageline, Inc., is authorized to establish increased fares proposed in Application 58923. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of JULY, 1979.

John S. Gurno
President
Herbert L. Stinson
Richard D. Howell
Walter J. Haskins
Samuel J. Ginn
Commissioners