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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SKYVIEW LIMOUSINE)
 SERVICE, INC., a California Cor-) Application No. 58913
 poration, for authority to adjust) (Filed June 5, 1979)
 its fares)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-884) operating between territories and cities in southern California. Skyview Limousine Service, Inc. (Skyview) provides a door-to-door personalized service with limousine-type, air-conditioned vehicles. Skyview is also authorized to conduct charter-party operations, pursuant to a charter permit (TCP-172P). Its present fares were established by Decision 86843 dated January 11, 1977, and Decision 88486 dated February 7, 1978.

Applicant requests authority to increase all passenger stage fares as follows:

<u>Between</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>Present Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
Los Angeles Territory	Palm Springs Territory.....	\$15.00	\$18.00
Los Angeles Territory	Points in the Coast Territory north of Oceanside...	12.00	15.00
Los Angeles Territory	Points in the Coast Territory including Oceanside and South of Oceanside and including points in the San Diego Territory	15.00	18.00
Palm Springs Territory	Torrance	20.00	24.00
Palm Springs Territory	Long Beach	17.50	21.00
Palm Springs Territory	Seal Beach	17.50	21.00
Palm Springs Territory	Anaheim	15.00	18.00
Palm Springs Territory	Docks in Wilmington San Pedro and Long Beach	20.00	24.00

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In support of its request for a fare increase, applicant alleges that it is losing money now at the present fares because wages, tires, maintenance, insurance and fuel costs continue to rise. Applicant estimates that fuel costs alone would increase from \$36,676 (Historical Year 1978) to \$55,000 during the rate year ending July 31, 1980 and that the fares herein sought would result in an annual increase in revenues of \$27,780 based on passengers carried during 1978.

A summary of the applicant's historical year 1978 results of operations from its annual report are as follows:

Revenues	\$165,583
Expenses	\$165,472
Other income deductions	\$ 748
Income before taxes	\$ -638
Operating Ratio	100.38%

The applicant is presently operating at a loss. The increase authorized herein is necessary to ensure the continued viability of the transportation service and will compensate the rising costs of fuel and other expenses during 1979. Thus, the increase is excepted from the President's guidelines for wage and price increases.

Copies of this application were served on interested parties and the application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 7, 1979. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of this application, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 730.3 and 730.5. Southern California Rapid Transit District responded that its 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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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 \$27,780.
2. Since the applicant's fares were established it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being fuel.
3. The proposed fares set forth in the Application 58913 are justified.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application shall be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Skyview Limousine Service, Inc., is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 58913. 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. 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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Since the carrier is presently operating at a loss, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of JULY, 1979.

John E. Coyne
President

Virginia L. Stinson

Robert D. Givens

Clare J. Smith

Edward J. Smith
Commissioner