

Decision No. 90611

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of Application)  
of Walter P. Henricksen, for )  
the authority to increase )  
commuter passenger rates. )

Application No. 58976  
(Filed July 2, 1979)

O P I N I O N

WALTER P. HENRICKSEN presently operates a passenger stage corporation (PSC-851) transporting passengers in home-to-work service from the Cities of Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, Cotati, Petaluma, and the communities of Windsor and Penngrove to Mare Island Naval Shipyard (Mare Island) at Vallejo.

Applicant was authorized to provide this service by Decision 75945 dated July 2, 1969 and extended to include Sebastopol by Decision 88625 dated March 21, 1978. The fares currently in effect were established by Decision 82987 dated June 18, 1974 or at the time that the Sebastopol service was established.

The presently authorized fares and the fares requested by this application are shown in the following tabulation:

Between Mare Island <u>And:</u>	<u>Present Authorized Fares</u>	<u>Requested Fares</u>
Weekly Fares		
Sebastopol	\$10.00	\$11.00
Healdsburg	8.00	11.00
Windsor	8.00	11.00
Santa Rosa	8.00	11.00
Cotati	7.00	10.00
Penngrove	7.00	10.00
Petaluma	7.00	10.00
Daily Fare		
All Routes	2.00	2.50

The staff recognizes that in the operation of this type, there is an advantage to express fares in even dollar amounts.

In the application, the carrier indicates that the revenue to be received in an estimated future test year, will exceed that received in the year 1978 by \$7,970 if this application is granted. The applicant alleges in the application that the increase in fares is necessary to offset the increases which have been experienced in fuel, repair service and labor costs.

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 July 6, 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 \$7,970.
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. Walter P. Henricksen is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 58976. 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

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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 31st day of JULY, 1979.

John E. Boyce  
President  
William L. Stanger  
Charles D. Howell  
Clair T. DeLoach  
Lawrence M. ...  
Commissioners