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Decision No. 90807 SEP 12 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of:	)	
San Clemente Stage Lines, Inc.,	)	
of San Clemente, Calif., for	)	Application No. 59039
the authority to increase	)	(Filed August 1, 1979)
passenger stage fares.	)	

O P I N I O N

San Clemente Stage Lines, Inc. operates as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-950) between the City of San Clemente and Camp Pendleton Marine Base, and between Disneyland, City of Anaheim and Camp Pendleton.

By this application, applicant requests authority to increase its current one way fare of 50 cents to 80 cents between San Clemente and Camp Pendleton and its one way fare of \$2.75 and round trip fare of \$4.50 to \$5.00 and \$9.00 respectively between Disneyland and Camp Pendleton. The current fares were authorized respectively in 1955 and 1968.

Applicant alleges that at present fares it has suffered a loss of approximately \$24,000 during the year ending June 30, 1979 and that it will continue to suffer an even greater loss due to ever increasing operating costs unless a fare increase is granted. The transportation Division staff has made an engineering economic analysis of the information contained in the application and estimates that during the calendar year 1980 applicant will suffer a loss of approximately \$6,000 at an operating ratio of 107 percent even though the requested fares are granted.

The fare increase authorized herein is an exception to the President's Guidelines for Wage and Price Increases. The proposed fares are reasonable in light of the guidelines and necessary to ensure the continuation of the transportation service.

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The application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on ~~July 20, 1978~~<sup>August 3, 1979</sup>. The Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of this application, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests or comments have been received.

### F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue of \$26,300.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.
4. Applicant is operating at a substantial loss.

### O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Clemente Stage Lines, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares as set forth in the application. 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 buses 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 currently operating at a loss, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated SEP 12 1979, at San Francisco, California.

John A. Gyo  
President

Vernon L. Stevenson

Richard D. Stovall

Carl D. Strickland

Edward W. Young  
Commissioners