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Decision No. 90952 OCT 23 1979**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
 OF STUART ALAN MESSNICK, dba, THE )  
 CO-ORDINATORS, FOR AN INCREASE IN )  
 TARIFF RATES FOR A SIGHTSEEING )  
 TOUR OPERATED BETWEEN ORANGE CO- )  
 UNTY AND SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA )  
 PURSUANT TO PSC 964. )

Application No. 59088  
 (Filed August 23, 1979)

O P I N I O N

Stuart Alan Messnick, dba, the Co-Ordinators provides passenger service by bus over various routes in the Southern California including a sightseeing service between Orange County and San Ysidro. pursuant to charter-party carrier permit TCP 456 and Passenger Stage Certificate PSC 964.

By this application, the carrier seeks authority to increase its round-trip adult fares between Orange County and San Ysidro from \$17.00 to \$19.50 or an increase of 14.7 percent. The present fares were established by authority granted in Decision No. 84186, dated March 11, 1975.

In support of its application, the carrier states that since the present fares were authorized, the price of diesel fuel has been tripled. Salaries and wages have almost been doubled, and the overall increase in administrative cost has been over 100 percent.

Carrier's income statement for the three months ended June 30, 1979 shows total operating revenues and expenses of approximately \$241,000 and \$247,000 respectively, which when annualized would result in an operating revenue of \$964,000, an operating expenses of \$988,000, an annual operating loss of \$24,000, and an operating ratio before taxes of 102.5 percent.

The proposed increase in the adult fares will result in an additional annual revenue of approximately \$132,000.

The proposed fares are necessary to compensate for the rising costs of operation and to ensure the continuation of a needed transportation service. Thus, the requested fare increase should be excepted from the President's guidelines for wages and price increase, and the application should be granted.

Notice of this filing appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of the application, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

#### F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. Applicant has incurred an operating loss in the three months ended June 30, 1979.
2. Since the applicant's present rates were established, it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being fuel and wages.
3. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual revenue of \$132,000.
4. The fare increase requested in Application No. 59088 is justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted, and since the operation is being conducted at a loss, the effective date of the order should be the same date that the order is signed.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Stuart Alan Messnick, dba, the Co-Ordinators, is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 59088. 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.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated OCT 23 1979, at San Francisco, California.

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President

Commissioner JOHN E. BRYSON

Present but not participating.

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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