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Decision No. S1000 NOV 6 1979**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of C. D. Lewis, dba Orange)
Blossom Lines, an individual,)
for the authority to increase)
fares for the transportation of)
passengers on regular scheduled)
home-to-work routes between)
points in Los Angeles and Orange)
Counties and the Southern)
California Edison's San Onofre)
Generating Station in San Diego)
County.)

Application No. 58980
(Filed July 5, 1979)

OPINION

C. D. Lewis, an individual doing business as Orange Blossom Lines is operating as a passenger stage corporation (PSC 1030) in home to work service between points in Los Angeles and Orange Counties on the one hand and the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in San Diego County on the other hand.

By this application C. D. Lewis seeks authority to increase passenger fares by approximately 17%.

The present fares were originally established by Decision No. 88346 dated January 17, 1978 in Application 57547.

Applicant alleges that his present rates do not yield sufficient revenue to allow him to conduct his passenger stage operation at a profit.

Applicant further alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased cost in all phases of operation, including fuel, insurance, labor and maintenance.

The present and proposed fares are summarized below:

EXISTING FARES

<u>Route LA-1</u>	<u>Stop</u>	<u>Fare</u>
	Pioneer Blvd.	\$25.00
	Fern Street	\$22.00
	1-405 & Harbor	\$22.00
	1-405 & La Paz	\$17.00

Route ORA-1

All stops served at \$20.00/wk.

PROPOSED FARES

<u>Route LA-1</u>	<u>Stop</u>	<u>Fare</u>
	Pioneer Blvd.	\$25.00
	Fern Street	\$25.00
	1-405 & Harbor	\$25.00
	1-405 & La Paz	\$20.00

Route ORA-1

All stops served at \$25.00/wk.

Applicant has indicated an operating ratio of 105.9% under present fares and an operating ratio of 92.7% at proposed fares.

Applicant alleges that the proposed fares will result in additional annual income of \$12,220.

While the fare increase authorized herein is an exception to the President's guidelines for wage and price increases, the proposed fares are reasonable and necessary to ensure the continued viability of this transportation service.

In accordance with Section 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 rate increase. No replies were received.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on July 9, 1979. No protests have been received.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue of \$12,220.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. C. D. Lewis dba Orange Blossom Lines is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 58980. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than on 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 his buses and terminals, a printed explanation of his fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than ten 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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The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated NOV 6 1979, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byron
President
Donald L. Stinson
Richard P. Howell
Clair T. Bellis
Donald W. Smith
Commissioners