

Decision No. 91146 DEC 18 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application )  
of RUSSELL BEAUCHANE, doing )  
business as AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION )  
SERVICES, for authority to )  
increase rates (Public Utilities )  
Code Section 454). )

Application No. 59211  
(Filed October 16, 1979)

O R D E R

Russell Beauchane, an individual, doing business as Airport Transportation Services, has authority from the Commission to operate as a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC-1036) to transport passengers and their baggage and express between the Cities of Chico, Oroville, Marysville and Yuba City, on the one hand, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, on the other hand as granted by Decisions Nos. 89802, dated December 19, 1978 and 88745, dated April 18, 1978, respectively.

By the instant application, applicant seeks authority to increase his fares by approximately 32 percent. This is applicant's first request for a fare increase since receiving his operating authority. Applicant alleges that his operating expenses particularly the costs of fuel, wages and insurance have increased substantially and that the requested fare increase is necessary to maintain the existing service.

The staff of the Transportation Division has made an analysis of applicant's operations and submitted an engineering economic study on the estimated results of operations based on the rate year ending December 31, 1980 under present and proposed fares. The report is hereby received as Exhibit 1.

The staff study shows that under the present fare structure during the rate year, the operating ratio will be over 132 percent with a net loss of \$33,814. The study shows that the requested 32 percent fare increase will result in an operating ratio of 102.7 percent with a net loss of \$3,716.

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The increase authorized herein is necessary to ensure the continuation of the transportation service. 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 of October 18, 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. No protests or comments have been received.

Findings

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase will result in additional annual revenue of approximately \$30,100.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

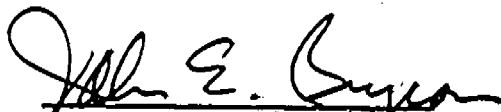
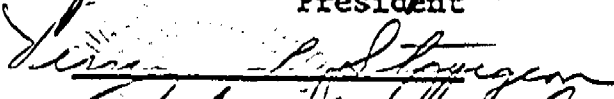

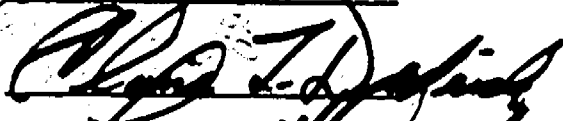

1. Russell Beauchane, an individual, doing business as Airport Transportation Services, is authorized to establish the increased fares as set forth in Application No. 59211. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than five days after the 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.

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3. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in his operating vehicles a printed explanation of his 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.

Since the applicant will continue to operate at a substantial loss even after a fare increase, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated DEC 18 1979, at San Francisco, California.

  
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