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Decision No. 91221 JAN 8 - 1980**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 59304
(Filed November 29, 1979)

O P I N I O N

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, Paradise, Oroville, Marysville and Yuba City, on the one hand, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, on the other hand, as granted by Decision Nos. 90992, dated November 6, 1979, 89802, dated December 19, 1978 and 88745 dated April 18, 1978, in Application Nos. 58603, 58413 and 57701, respectively.

By the instant application, applicant seeks authority to increase fares on the new route authorized by Decision No. 90992 between Paradise and Sacramento and Marysville and Sacramento by 33.3 percent to bring these fares up to the level of the fare increase for the other routes recently authorized by Decision No. 91146 dated December 18, 1979. The instant increase besides offsetting the effects of increased wage and fuel costs of the operation will eliminate a conflict with the long-haul short-haul provisions of the Public Utilities Code. It was not possible to include the instant request for a rate increase for the new route in the request covered by Decision No. 91146 dated December 18, 1979 due to an overlap in submitting these matters to the Commission for consideration.

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The Transportation Division staff has updated the approved results of operation contained in Decision No. 91146 dated December 18, 1979 which shows an operating ratio of 102.7 percent at fares proposed in that application. With the requested increase in the instant application, applicant will experience a profit of \$14,606 after taxes at an operating ratio of 91.84 percent.

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 November 30, 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.

F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The proposed fare increase is justified.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

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. 59304. 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.

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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 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 applicant is presently operating at a loss the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated JAN 8 - 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Cray
President

Thomas L. Sturgeon

Richard D. Howell

Charles T. Davis

Lawrence H. Ginn
Commissioners