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Decision No. 91297

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Richard E. Parks, dba Parkway )  
Stage doing business as Parkway )  
Stage for authority to increase )  
fares for the transportation of )  
passengers on regular scheduled )  
routes in the cities of Vaca- )  
ville, Fairfield, Vallejo and )  
Pinole under original Application )  
No. 58170, Decision No. 89890, )  
dated January 16, 1979, and )  
Application No. 58170, dated )  
June 26, 1978, Amended )  
November 13, 1978, and PSC 1059. )

Application No. 59121  
(Filed August 27, 1979)

O P I N I O N

Richard E. Parks, doing business as Parkway Stage (Applicant), presently provides service as a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC-1059) transporting passengers from their homes in Vacaville, Fairfield, Vallejo and Pinole to their place of employment at United Airlines Maintenance Base. The service is rendered under the authority granted by Decision 89890 dated January 16, 1979.

The present application requests authority to increase fares for the transportation service. The present fares were established at the time the service began but were based on the level of expenses prevalent prior to June 1978.

The present fares and the fares proposed by the applicant are as follows:

EXISTING & PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE  
TO UNITED AIRLINES MAINTENANCE BASE

| <u>From</u> | <u>Present Fare</u> | <u>Proposed Fare</u> | <u>Percent Increase</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Vacaville   | \$12.00/week        | \$15.00/week         | 25%                     |
| Fairfield   | \$11.00             | \$14.00              | 27%                     |
| Vallejo     | \$10.00             | \$13.00              | 30%                     |
| Pinole      | \$ 9.00             | \$12.00              | 33%                     |

Applicant alleges that the increase in fares is necessary to offset increases in operating costs, such as fuel, insurance and driver wages, that have occurred subsequent to the filing of the application for authority to operate.

The Transportation Division of the Commission has prepared a report on the Results of Operation of the applicant for the estimated year 1980. This report will be marked as Exhibit 1. The following is a summary of the estimates in this report.

|                           | <u>Estimated Year 1980</u>     |                                 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                           | <u>Present</u><br><u>Fares</u> | <u>Proposed</u><br><u>Fares</u> |
| Bus Miles                 | 147,280                        | 147,280                         |
| Passengers                | 253,000                        | 253,000                         |
| Operating Revenues        | \$ 55,660                      | \$ 70,840                       |
| Operating Expenses        | 54,060                         | 57,760                          |
| Operating Income          | 1,600                          | 13,080                          |
| Operating Ratio (Percent) | 97.1                           | 81.5                            |

The increase of \$15,180 in gross revenues is approximately 27%. The report recommends that the increase in fares be granted.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 7, 1979. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit operations and planning agencies of the receipt of this application, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protest to the application have been received.

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After consideration, the Commission finds that the increase in rates and charges authorized by this decision are justified and are reasonable, and the present rates and charges, insofar as they differ from those prescribed by this decision, are for the future, unjust and unreasonable. A public hearing  
>> on this application is not necessary. The proposed rates ~~do not~~ *exceed*  
<< ~~comply with~~ the President's Guidelines for Wage and Price Increases but are reasonable and necessary to ensure the continued viability of this transportation service.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Richard E. Parks, dba Parkway Stage, is authorized to  
<< established the increased rates as requested. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective no. 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. 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 vehicles and terminals a printed explanation of 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 this carrier's operating ratio is so marginal and the expenses contain no provisions for taxes on income or inflation, the effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated JAN 29 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Guyon  
President  
James L. Sturgeon  
Robert D. Harrell  
Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.