

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the Application)
of R. E. Trahan dba GET-A-WAY)
LINES, INC. a Corporation, for)
the authority to increase fares)
for the transportation of pass-)
engers 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,)
under original Application No.)
57706 Decision No. 88562 dated)
March 7, 1978 Amended July 7,)
1978 Application No. 58112)

Application No. 59138
(Filed September 12, 1979)

OPINION

R. E. Trahan (Applicant), dba Get-A-Way Lines, Inc., is engaged in the operation of a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC 1038) as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California transporting passengers on regular scheduled home to work service between points in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and the Southern California Edison's San Onofre Generating Station in San Diego County under the authority of the Commission's Decision No. 88562, dated March 7, 1978.

Applicant requests authority to increase passenger fares by an average of approximately 21 percent, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Facility Served</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Weekly Round Trip Fares</u>	
		<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Edison's San Onofre Generating Station in San Diego	Orange County	\$22.00	\$27.00
	Los Angeles County	25.00	30.00

In support of its application, applicant alleges that since the present fares were authorized in Decision No. 88562, dated March 7, 1978, it has experienced increases in operating expenses, such as increases in cost of fuel, oil, insurance, etc. The requested increased fares are necessary to offset increases in the operating expenses. Similar commuter carriers have been authorized by the Commission to charge fares comparable to, or greater than the fares proposed by the applicant.

Based on the information contained in Exhibit E of the application, the following table will show an estimated results of operation for the test year ending December 31, 1980, under both present and proposed fares.

	<u>Calendar Year 1980</u>	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Operating Revenue	\$48,300	\$55,700
Operating Expenses excluding taxes	47,700	47,700
Income before taxes	600	8,000
Operating Ratio before taxes -%	98.8	85.6

The proposed increase in fares will result in an additional annual gross revenue of \$7,400.

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 application 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.

Findings

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. Since the applicant's present rates were established it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being fuel, salaries and wages, insurance, maintenance parts and labor.
2. The requested fare increase will result in an additional annual gross revenue of approximately \$7,400.
3. The fare increase requested in Application No. 59138 is justified.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

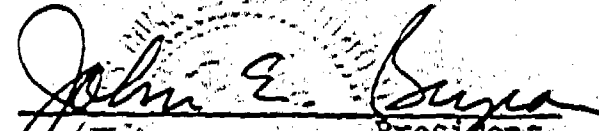
1. R. E. Trahan, dba Get-A-Way Lines, Inc., is authorizing to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 59138. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

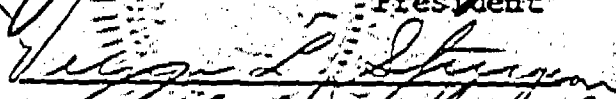
2. This authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.


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.

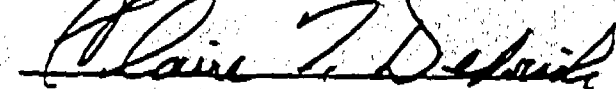
The effective date of this order shall be 30 days after the date hereof.

Dated FEB 13 1980, at San Francisco, California.



President






Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.