

Decision No. 92145 AUG 19 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of James J. Warfield, dba Sunday Buslines, 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 Riverside Counties and the Southern California Edison's San Onofre Generating Station in San Diego County, to offset recent increases in fuel and other operating expenses.

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Application No. 59666
(Filed May 15, 1980)

O P I N I O N

James J. Warfield, doing business as Sunday Busline^s, a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1054), is engaged in the business of transporting passengers between points in Los Angeles and Riverside Counties, on the one hand, and San Onofre, on the other hand. This service is scheduled so as to serve the commutation needs for passengers working at San Onofre.

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Applicant seeks authority to increase ^{his} ~~its~~ passenger stage fares by \$5 per week to a new fare of \$25 per week from the existing \$20 fare.

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The fares sought to be increased by this application were originally established by the Commission in its Decision No. 89427, dated September 19, 1978. Since these fares were established, applicant states that ^{he} ~~it~~ has experienced further increases in maintenance, fuel, and insurance costs. In particular, applicant notes that its net income after taxes for the year 1979 was \$1,683 and that this small net would evaporate and turn into a \$1,255 loss in the rate year's operations, given the effect of recent cost increases, including fuel expenses. Applicant estimates that ^{he} ~~it~~ will net \$3,545 in the rate year ending June 30, 1981 with the requested fare relief.

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The Transportation Division staff has made an engineering economic study of the applicant's operations under both present and proposed fares. A summary of these data is as follows:

	Historical Year 1979	Rate Year Ending June 30, 1981	
		Present Fares	Proposed Fares
Total Revenue	\$47,800	\$63,600	\$72,000
Total Operating Expenses	45,117	65,655	65,655
Operating Income	2,683	-2,055	6,345
Income Taxes (est.)	1,000	-800	2,800
Net Income	1,683	-1,255	3,545
Operating Ratio (after taxes) -%	96.4	102.0	95.1

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar and, additionally, the Commission staff notified public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of this application pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests have been received.

The increase authorized herein is necessary to insure the continuation of this transportation service, and thus should be excepted from the President's Guidelines for Wage and Price ^{Stability} ~~Increases~~. ✓ SS

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare increase would result in additional annual revenue of approximately \$8,400.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the requested passenger fare increases should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. James J. Warfield, doing business as Sunday Buslines, is authorized to establish the increased passenger fares proposed in Application No. 59666. 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 not earlier

than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten 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 ^{its} buses and terminals a printed explanation of ^{the} passenger fares.

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Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the passenger fare changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

Because applicant is operating at a small loss, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Date AUG 19 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Guyer
President
Vernon L. Strueman

Clare J. DeLoach
Richard D. Gravelle
Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.