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Decision No. 92207 SEP 3 - 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Whippet Charter Service, Inc.,)
a California Corporation, for the)
authority to increase fares for)
the transportation of passengers)
on regular scheduled home-to-work)
routes between points in Fremont,)
Newark, Union City, Hayward,)
Milpitas, and Dublin to the)
United Air Lines Maintenance)
base in South San Francisco.)

Application No. 59682
(Filed May 21, 1980)

O P I N I O N

Whippet Charter Service, Inc., a passenger stage corporation (PSC-910), is engaged in the business of transporting passengers between Hayward, Union City, Newark, Fremont, Milpitas, and Dublin, on the one hand, and the United Airlines Maintenance Base at the San Francisco International Airport (UALMB), on the other hand. This service is scheduled to meet work shift changes at UALMB.

The applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger stage fares as follows:

<u>Between UALMB and:</u>	<u>Daily (round-trip) fares:</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Hayward	\$1.95	\$2.35
Union City	2.05	2.45
Fremont	2.10	2.50
Newark	2.10	2.50
Milpitas	2.20	2.60
Dublin	2.20	2.60

The fares sought to be increased by this application were originally established by the Commission by Decision No. 90024, dated February 27, 1979.

The Transportation Division staff has made an engineering economic review of the applicant's operations under both present and proposed fares. A summary of these data ^{is} ~~are~~ as follows: SS

ESTIMATED RESULTS OF OPERATION

	HISTORICAL YEAR 1979	RATE YEAR 7/1/80 - 6/30/81	
		PRESENT FARES	PROPOSED FARES
Total Revenue	\$115,282	\$115,282	\$134,200
Total Operating Expenses	117,058	127,750	127,750
Operating Income	1 (1,776)	1 (12,468)	1 6,450 SS
Income Taxes (est.)	200	200	1,600
Net Income	1 (1,976)	1 (12,668)	1 4,850 SS
Operating Ratio (after taxes)	102%	111%	96%

Applicant alleges that it has experienced increases in diesel fuel and insurance costs, and mechanics and drivers wages.

The expenses shown above do not reflect any salaries of the general officers of the corporation for their work in managing this passenger transportation service. Even so, it is apparent that the applicant would be operating at a loss in the absence of the relief requested herein.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 23, 1980, 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 increases authorized herein are 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

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

Findings of Fact

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. The requested fare and rate increases would result in additional annual revenue of approximately \$18,900.
2. The proposed fare and rate increases are justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusions of Law

The Commission concludes that the requested passenger fare increases are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory, and that the requested fares should be authorized.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Whippet Charter Service, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased passenger fares proposed in Application No. 59682. 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 its passenger fares. 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.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated SEP 3 - 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Ryan
President
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Richard D. Hurd
Clair T. Deigh
Donald W. Ginn
Commissioners