

Decision No. 92390 NOV 4 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Gray Line Tours)
Company (A Corporation), under the)
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)
to publish tariff provisions)
resulting in increased in)
passenger tour fares.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 59870
(Filed August 11, 1980)

O P I N I O N

The Gray Line Tours Company, a corporation, (Gray Line) operates a sightseeing bus service over various routes and tours in Southern California and is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-522) for intrastate service in California. As a portion of the intrastate service, Gray Line operates Tour No. 2 from Los Angeles to Beverly Hills and Hollywood; Tour No. 4 from Los Angeles to San Diego and Tijuana; Tour No. 6 from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara; Tour No. 19 from Los Angeles to Palm Springs; and Tour No. S-5 from San Diego and Coronado to Los Angeles.

By this application, Gray Line seeks authority to increase the transportation fares for these tours as follows to offset the increased costs of operation:

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2 - Adult (12 and over)	\$16.45	\$19.50
Child (5-11)	8.00	9.75
4 - Adult	15.45	19.50
Child	7.50	9.75
6 - Adult	15.45	19.50
Child	7.50	9.75
19 - Adult	15.45	19.50
Child	7.50	9.75
S-5 - Adult	14.65	19.50
Child	7.10	9.75

The application seeks processing by the provisions of Rule 25, Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket (SPT) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Discussions

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SS The present fares were authorized by Decision No. 91150, dated ~~August~~ ^{December} 18, 1979, as amended by Decision No. 91180, dated December 21, 1979.

As shown in the application, the present California intra-state passenger fares provided for an estimated \$19,387,722 gross revenue for the year ended March 31, 1980. The following table shows the Transportation Division staff's estimate of the effect of proposed fare increases in gross annual revenue, based on the year ended March 31, 1980:

PASSENGER REVENUES UNDER PRESENT
AND PROPOSED FARES, BASED ON
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1980

Line	Tour No.	Adult (a) Child (c)	Number of Pass- engers (3)	Present Fares (4)	Revenue Present Fares (5) (3)x(4)	Proposed Fares (6)	Revenue Proposed Fares (7) (3)x(6)	Increased Revenue (8) (7)-(5)
(1)	(2)							
1	2	A	376	\$ 16.45	\$ 6,185	\$ 19.50	\$ 7,332	\$ 1,247
2		C	<u>11</u>	8.00	<u>88</u>	9.75	<u>107</u>	<u>19</u>
3			387		6,273		7,439	1,166
4	4	A	27,889	15.45	430,885	19.50	543,836	112,951
5		C	<u>4,946</u>	7.50	<u>37,095</u>	9.75	<u>48,224</u>	<u>11,129</u>
6			32,835		467,980		592,060	124,080
7	6	A	1,959	15.45	30,267	19.50	38,201	7,934
8		C	<u>66</u>	7.50	<u>495</u>	9.75	<u>644</u>	<u>149</u>
9			2,025		30,762		38,845	8,083
10	19	A	2,732	15.45	42,209	19.50	53,274	11,065
11		C	<u>84</u>	7.50	<u>630</u>	9.75	<u>819</u>	<u>189</u>
12			2,816		42,839		54,093	11,254
13	S-5	A	8,674	14.65	127,074	19.50	169,143	42,069
14		C	<u>921</u>	7.10	<u>6,539</u>	9.75	<u>8,980</u>	<u>2,441</u>
15			9,595		133,613		178,123	44,510
Grand Total			\$ 47,658		\$ 681,467		\$ 870,560	\$ 189,093

With actual gross revenue of \$19,387,722 for the period April 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, as stated in the application, the revenue increase of \$189,093 resulting from the proposed increases in fares reflects a 0.975 percent increase in annual gross revenue. This will qualify the application for Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Consideration.

The proposed rates comply with the President's guidelines for wage and price stability and are necessary to ensure the continued viability of this transportation service.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 12, 1980. Additionally the Commission staff notified affected public transit district operators of the receipt of ^{the} ~~this~~ application pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests have been received, and a public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. Gray Line Tours Company seeks authority to increase sightseeing passenger fares.
2. The requested fare increase will result in an additional annual revenue of \$189,093, or a .975 percent increase in annual gross revenue.
3. Finding No. 2 qualifies the application for Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket consideration.
4. The proposed increases in fares are necessary to offset the increases in operating costs.

5. No protests have been received concerning this application.

6. A public hearing is not necessary.

SS Conclusion of Law

The fare increase requested in Application No. 59870 is just and reasonable and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Gray Line Tours Company, a corporation, is authorized to establish passenger stage fares as requested in its Application No. 59870, filed August 11, 1980. 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. 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 ten 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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The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated NOV 4 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan
President

Vernon L. Stinson

Richard D. Good

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Commissioners