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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Clemente Stage Lines, Inc., of San Clemente, California, for the authority to increase passenger stage fares.

Application 60305  
(Filed February 27, 1981)

O P I N I O N

San Clemente Stage Lines, Inc. (applicant), operates as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-950) between the City of San Clemente and Camp Pendleton Marine Base, and between Disneyland, City of Anaheim, and Camp Pendleton.

By this application, applicant requests authority to increase its current one-way fare of 80 cents to \$1.00 between San Clemente and Camp Pendleton. No increase is sought for the fare between Disneyland and Camp Pendleton.

The fares sought to be increased by this application were last adjusted by Decision 90807 dated September 12, 1979, in Application 59039. Applicant states that it is committed to a 15% increase in wages. Additionally, since the last fare adjustment, it has incurred increases in fuel, repairs, maintenance, and other operating costs.

Applicant provided the following results of operations for the 12 months ended June 30, 1980 and the test year July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982:

	<u>Historical Year</u> <u>Year Ended June 30, 1980</u>		<u>Rate Year</u> <u>Year Ended June 30, 1982</u>	
	<u>Present</u> <u>Fares</u>		<u>Present</u> <u>Fares</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fares</u>
Revenues	\$118,128 <sup>(2)</sup>		\$124,460 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$141,753 <sup>(3)</sup>
Expenses	125,857		141,516	141,516
Net Income	(7,729)		(17,056)	237
Operating Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	106.5%		113.7%	99.8%

(Red Figure)

- (1) Before income tax
- (2) Includes \$31,662 in charter revenue
- (3) Includes \$37,994 in charter revenue

Applicant has been operating at a loss; the requested fare increase will result in an estimated annual increase in gross revenues of \$17,293 and an insignificant profit.

The Transportation Division has reviewed the application and recommends that the requested fare increase be granted by ex parte order.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar.

The Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of this application, under California Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. Applicant served copies of the application on Orange County, San Diego County, City of San Clemente, and Camp Pendleton. No protests have been received and a public hearing is not necessary.

Since there is an immediate need for this fare adjustment, the order should be effective the date of signature.

Findings of Fact

1. Since the present fares were established in 1979, applicant has experienced increases in operating expenses.
2. The proposed fare increase will result in an estimated annual increase in gross revenues of \$17,293 and an operating ratio of 99.8 percent.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The increased fares authorized by the following order are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant San Clemente Stage Lines, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 60305. Tariffs shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order. They may go into effect five days or more 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 90 days after the effective date of this order.

3. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post a printed explanation of its fares in its buses and terminals. The notice shall be posted at least five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUN 16 1981, at San Francisco,  
California.

John E. Bay  
President  
Robert D. ...  
Thomas M. ...  
Walter ...  
Prunna C. ...  
Commissioners