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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
GOLDEN STATE LIMOUSINE, INC.
for authority to increase its passenger
stage corporation fares, pursuant to
Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code.

Application 60298
(Filed February 26, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Golden State Limousine, Inc. (applicant) a California corporation, is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between points in the Counties of Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, on the one hand, and the San Francisco International Airport, Oakland International Airport, and San Jose Municipal Airport, on the other hand, over the most appropriate routes. Applicant requests authority to increase present fares by approximately 10%.

Exhibit C attached to the application shows an annualized operating ratio of 142%, with a loss of \$116,579 for the six months ending December 31, 1980. It projects that with the requested 10% increase, this operating ratio would be 129% with a loss of \$88,873. Applicant alleges that with the increased fares and by improving operating methods, the present losses and operating ratio will be reduced. Applicant has operated at a loss for some time but plans to restore these services to a viable economic condition through further pursuit of operating efficiencies and, hopefully higher load factors. The Commission staff advises that the operating results may approach at least a break-even

ratio, thereby assuring the continued availability of these transportation services, if applicant's management succeeds with its business plans.

Applicant cites spiraling inflationary costs, including gasoline expenses, as necessitating the requested revenue relief.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar and applicant mailed notices of the application to municipalities within its service area and other interested parties. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary. Since there is an immediate need for this fare adjustment, the order should be made effective today.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant is a passenger stage corporation transporting passengers and their baggage between points in the Counties of Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the San Francisco International, Oakland International, and San Jose Municipal Airports.

2. Applicant's present fares for such service resulted in an annualized loss (based on six months ended December 31, 1980) of \$116,579. A projected loss of \$88,873 is expected even with the requested fare increases, which approximate 10% on all routes.

3. On the basis of the verified application, applicant is in need of a fare increase. The fares proposed will not be excessive.

4. The increases in fares and charges authorized by this decision are justified.

Conclusions of Law

✓ 1. The application should be granted; the proposed fares are justified, ^{and} reasonable.

2. A public hearing is not necessary.

3. Because of the demonstrated urgent need for additional revenue, the order should become effective today.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Golden State Limousine Inc. is authorized the increased rates and charges proposed in Application 60298. Tariff publication authorized to be made as a result of this order should 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 90 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 fares. Such notice shall remain posted for a period of not less than 30 days.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 22 1981 at San Francisco, California.

John E. Baynes
President
Richard D. Gandy
James M. Hines
Victor Calvo
Commissioners