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Decision 93573 SEP 15 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of:
O'CONNOR LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. dba
O'Connor Tours Service, for interim
and permanent authority to increase
its per capita rates pursuant to Section
454 of the Public Utilities Code in
connection with its passenger stage
corporation sightseeing tours.

Application 60463
(Filed April 17, 1981)

O P I N I O N

O'Connor Limousine Service, Inc., (applicant), doing business as O'Connor Tours Service, is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1070) engaged in the business of conducting four sightseeing trips originating in San Francisco and touring (1) San Francisco, (2) Muir Woods, (3) the Wine Country, and (4) Monterey-Carmel.

Applicant seeks authority to increase its passenger stage fares as follows:

PASSENGER FARES - IN DOLLARS AND CENTS

<u>Tour No. 1</u> <u>San Francisco Tour</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Adults	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
Adult/Group*	6.75	10.50
Children**	4.50	9.00
 <u>Tour No. 2***</u> <u>Muir Woods Tour</u>		
Adults	\$10.00	\$13.00
Adult/Group*	7.75	10.50
Children**	5.00	9.00
 <u>Tour No. 3***</u> <u>Wine Country Tour</u>		
Adults	\$23.00	\$38.00
Adult/Group*	18.00	31.00
Children**	16.50	31.50
 <u>Tour No. 4***</u> <u>Monterey-Carmel Tour</u>		
Adults	\$28.50	\$33.00
Adult/Group*	22.00	26.50
Children**	19.00	28.50

* Applicable when 10 or more passengers purchase individual tickets as part of a single group.

** Children's fares apply to children under 12 years of age when accompanied by an adult passenger. Children under 2 years of age, when accompanied by an adult passenger and not occupying a seat to the exclusion of other passengers will be carried free.

*** The present fares for Tours Nos. 3 and 4 include lunches. The proposed fare increases do not include lunch. Lunch is optional, and is an additional \$5.00 charge.

**** The present fare for Tour No. 2 includes the cost of the ferry one-way between San Francisco and Sausalito. The proposed fare increases do not include the cost of the ferry. Such charge is additional to the proposed fares.

In connection with this application, the Commission staff has made an engineering-economics review of applicant's operations. A summary of the estimated results of operations is as follows:

	<u>Historic Year 1980</u>	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenues	\$176,340	\$176,340	\$296,071
Expenses	295,090	295,090	295,090
Net Operating Revenue	(118,750)	(118,750)	981
Income Taxes, Est.	200	200	200
Net Income, After Taxes	(118,950)	(118,950)	781
Operating Ratio	167.5%	167.5%	99.7%

(Red Figure)

The staff recommends that the application be granted.

Copies of this application were served on interested parties and the application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar. Additionally, the Commission staff notified affected public transit operators and planning agencies of the filing of this application, under Public Utilities Code Sections 730.3 and 730.5. No protests were filed.

Findings of Facts

1. The requested fare and rate increases will result in additional annual revenue of \$119,731.
2. The proposed fares and rates are necessary to ensure the continued viability of these transportation services.
3. The proposed fare and rate increases are justified.
4. No protests or substantive comments have been received concerning this application.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted as set forth below. This order should be effective on the date of signature because applicant is losing money, and the proposed fares and rates are needed now to ensure the continued viability of these transportation services.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. O'Connor Limousine Service, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application 60463. 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 vehicles 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 SEP 15 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John G. Conyon
President
Richard W. Howell
Thomas W. Smith
Victor Cabot
Priscilla C. Chen
Commissioners