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Decision 98-01-043 January 21, 1998

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of Advanced  
Airporter, Inc. for Authority to establish a Zone of Rate  
Freedom for passenger stage corporation service  
authorized under PSC-8267.

Application 97-10-062  
(Filed October 24, 1997)

**ORIGINAL**

**O P I N I O N**

Advanced Airporter, Inc. (applicant) requests authority to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) between the Cities of San Francisco and Sausalito pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 454.2.

Applicant is authorized by Decision 93-03-010 to operate as an "on-call" passenger stage corporation (PSC-8267) between points in the Counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin, on the one hand, and San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK), and San Jose (SJC) International Airports, on the other hand, and between the Cities of San Francisco and Sausalito.

Applicant requests authority to establish a ZORF of \$6 above and below its present adult one-way fare of \$7 as published in its Local Passenger Tariff No.1, CA PUC 1. The present adult round-trip fare is \$12. The establishment of the ZORF will allow the applicant to adjust its adult round-trip fare provided that it is equal to or less than the amount of its published two adult one-way fares between San Francisco and Sausalito. The minimum fare shall be not less than \$4 for any adult one-way fare.

The staff is of the opinion that the establishment of the ZORF of \$6 is fair and reasonable.

Applicant competes with other passenger stage corporations, taxi cabs, limousines, buses, and automobiles in its service area.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 31, 1997. No protest has been received. The applicant notified the affected cities. The staff recommends that the application be granted.

### Findings of Fact

1. Applicant is authorized to operate as an "on-call" passenger stage corporation (PSC-8267) between points in the Counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin, on the one hand, and SFO, OAK, and SJC, on the other hand, and between the Cities of San Francisco and Sausalito.

2. Applicant requests authority to establish a ZORF of \$6 above and below its present adult one-way fare of \$7, as published in its Local Passenger Tariff No. 1, CA PUC 1, but not less than a minimum fare of \$4 one-way. The ZORF is fair and reasonable.

3. Applicant competes with passenger stage corporations, taxi cabs, limousines, buses, and automobiles in its operations.

4. No protests to the application have been filed.

### Conclusions of Law

1. The application for a ZORF of \$6 should be granted.

2. Before applicant changes fares under the ZORF authorized below, applicant should give this Commission 10 days' notice.

3. The filing of ZORF fares should be accompanied by a tariff amendment showing between each service point the high and low ends of the ZORF and the then currently effective fare.

4. In order to make the proposed fare changes available as soon as possible, the following order should be effective on the date of this decision.

## O R D E R

### IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Advanced Airporter, Inc. (applicant), a corporation, is authorized under Public Utilities Code § 454.2 to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) fares of \$6 below and above its present authorized adult one-way fare of \$7, published in its Local Passenger Tariff No. 1. The minimum fare shall not be less than \$4 one-way.

2. Applicant shall file a ZORF tariff in accordance with the application on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public and subject to Commission approval. The ZORF shall expire unless exercised within 60 days after the effective date of this order.

3. Applicant may make changes within the ZORF by filing amended tariffs on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public. The tariff shall include between each service point the authorized maximum and minimum fares and the fare to be charged.

4. In addition to posting and filing tariffs, applicant shall post notices explaining fare changes in its terminals and passenger-carrying vehicles. Such notices shall be posted at least five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for at least 30 days.

5. The application is granted as set forth above.

6. Application 97-10-062 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated January 21, 1998, at San Francisco, California.

P. GREGORY CONLON  
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