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Decision 98-02-096 February 19, 1998

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Tamarack Transportation, Inc., dba SuperShuttle of Los Angeles for authority to establish a Zone-of-Rate-Freedom (ZORF) pursuant to Section 454.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

Application 97-11-037
(Filed November 24, 1997)

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O P I N I O N

Tamarack Transportation, Inc. (applicant) requests authority to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) between its authorized service points pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 454.2.

Applicant is authorized by Decision 95-09-048 to operate as an "on-call" passenger stage corporation (PSC-9635) between certain points in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura, on the one hand, and the airports of Los Angeles International (LAX), Ontario International (ONT), Burbank (BUR), Long Beach (LGB), and John Wayne (SNA), Los Angeles AMTRAK Station (LAAMTRAK), and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors (HRBRS), on the other hand.

Applicant requests authority to establish a ZORF of \$12 above and below its present adult one-way fares as published in its Local Passenger Tariff, Cal. PUC 1. The minimum fare shall be not less than \$5 for any adult one-way fare.

The staff is of the opinion that the establishment of the ZORF of \$12 above and below applicant's present adult one-way fares is fair and reasonable.

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

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on December 1, 1997. No protest has been received. Applicant has notified the affected cities, airports, and governmental agencies. 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-9635) between certain points in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura, on the one hand, and the airports of LAX, ONT, BUR, LGB, and SNA, LAAMTRAK, and HRBRS, on the other hand.

2. Applicant requests authority to establish a ZORF of \$12 above and below its present adult one-way fares, as published in its Local Passenger Tariff, Cal. PUC 1. The minimum fare shall not be less than \$5. The ZORF is fair and reasonable.

3. Applicant competes with passenger stage corporations, taxicabs, 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 \$12 above and below applicant's authorized fares as published and filed with this Commission should be granted. The minimum one-way adult fare shall not be less than \$5.

2. Before applicant changes fares under the ZORF authorized below, applicant should give this Commission ten 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. Tamarack Transportation, Inc. (applicant), a corporation, is authorized under Public Utilities Code § 454.2 to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) of \$12 above and below its present authorized fares, published in its Local Passenger Tariff, Cal. PUC

1, filed with this Commission. The minimum adult one-way fare shall not be less than \$5.

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 points 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 97-11-037 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 19, 1998, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
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