

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46293

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of HORACE CONIGLIO, dba CONIGLIO)	Application No. 32703
AUTO STAGE, for authority to)	
increase rates.)	

Appearances

Horace Coniglio, in propria persona.
E. J. Vredendurgh, for Columbia Steel
Company, interested party.

O P I N I O N

Horace Coniglio, doing business as Coniglio Auto Stage, is engaged in the transportation of passengers between the City of Pittsburg and the Columbia Steel Company plant.¹ His operations are conducted with one bus and consist primarily of transporting employees of the steel company. He provides several round trips per day on schedules which coincide with the work shifts at the plant. His revenues from this operation are less than \$2,000 per year. Applicant's present one-way fare is five cents. He seeks authority to establish a one-way fare of ten cents.

Public hearing was held at Pittsburg on September 26, 1951, before Examiner Lake.

According to the record, operations under the present fare and prevailing conditions will result, for a 12-month period ending October 31, 1952, in a loss of \$1,650 and an operating ratio of 184.6 percent. Under the proposed fare the record shows the net operating loss for the same period would be \$326, resulting in an operating ratio of 109.8 percent.

¹ The Columbia Steel Company plant is located approximately 1½ miles from applicant's terminal in Pittsburg.

Notices of the hearing in this matter were posted in applicant's vehicle and were published in newspapers of general circulation in the area involved. In addition, notices were sent by the Commission's Secretary to persons believed to be interested. No one appeared in opposition to the granting of the application. The assistant superintendent of industrial relations for the Columbia Steel Company appeared as an interested party but did not participate in the proceeding.

It is clear from the evidence of record that an increased fare is necessary to sustain applicant's operation. It is apparent that the proposed revenues would operate only to reduce his losses.

Upon careful consideration of all the facts and circumstances of record the Commission concludes and finds as a fact that the sought fare increase has been justified. The application will be granted.

Because of the immediate need for additional revenues applicant will be authorized to establish the fare upon five (5) days' notice.

O R D E R

Based upon the evidence of record and upon the conclusions and findings set forth in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Horace Coniglio, doing business as Coniglio Auto Stage, be and he is hereby authorized to establish within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this order and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public, an increased one-way fare of ten cents for the transportation of passengers between the City of Pittsburg and the Columbia Steel Company, one and one-half miles east of the City of Pittsburg.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and he is hereby directed to post and maintain in his vehicle a notice of the fare herein authorized. Such notice shall be made not less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of such fare and shall be maintained for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire ninety (90) days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of October, 1951.

R. J. [Signature]
President
Justice F. [Signature]
Harold [Signature]
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Commissioners