

ORIGINALDecision No. 51468

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 N. T. CHASTAIN)
 doing business as REDDING CITY LINES)
 to change rates and fares for the)
 transportation of passengers in the)
 City of Redding and adjacent areas.)

Application No. 36837

O P I N I O N

N. T. Chastain, doing business as Redding City Lines, presently rendering a passenger stage service between Redding, Oak Grove, Girvan, Benton Tract and Enterprise communities requests a change of passenger rates and fares.

Applicant proposes to increase the adult cash fares by five cents per passenger; charge adult round-trip fares good on day of purchase, which will in effect maintain the present level of fares; issue an adult ten-ride weekly ticket, which would be lower than the present fares; issue a ten-ride weekly ticket to students under twelve years of age, which would be approximately 20 per cent lower than the present fare; and to maintain the present one-way fare applicable to students and children under twelve years of age.

Applicant owns and operates two 27-passenger, 1946 Ford buses. In addition to driving he also does a good portion of the servicing and maintenance of the equipment. For the period November 5, 1954, to and including February 28, 1955, applicant allegedly suffered a net loss of \$1,838.

The Commission's staff prepared a report setting forth the following estimate of results of operation for the period June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956:

	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Revenue	\$10,500	\$10,740
Expenses	<u>17,614</u>	<u>17,652</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$(7,114)</u>	<u>\$(6,912)</u>

(Red Figure)

The estimates for expenses include a reasonable compensation for applicant's time and services. The revenue estimates are based upon the present level of traffic.

Concurrently with the filing of the application with this Commission, copies were sent to officials of the City of Redding and appropriate notices of the proposed fare changes were posted in applicant's buses. The Commission has received no protest to the authority sought. The record indicates that the revenue under the present fares is insufficient to defray the cost of operation. It is clear that the proposed fare adjustment is needed to assure the maintenance of satisfactory and dependable service to the public.

After consideration the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that the proposed fares have been justified. Because of the evident need for additional revenue the order herein will become effective upon the date signed. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been filed and the Commission having been informed in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That N. T. Chastain, doing business as Redding City Lines, is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than three days' notice to the Commission and to the public; the fares proposed in Application No. 36837.

(2) That applicant is hereby directed to post and maintain in his vehicles a notice of the increased fares herein authorized. Such notice shall be given not less than three days prior to the effective date of such fares, and shall be maintained for a period of not less than thirty days.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 16th day of May, 1955.

Ed E. Kitchell
President.

Justin J. Calves

Ray G. Venturini

William J. [unclear]

Commissioners