

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 52086

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 NEWTON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC., ) Application No. 37461  
 for an increase in passenger fares. )

O P I N I O N

Newton Transportation Company, Inc., presently rendering a passenger stage service between Stockton and certain suburban areas adjacent thereto, requests authority to increase adult fares from 12 to 15 cents, and 12-ride commutation school fares from \$1.30 to \$1.40.

A study was prepared by the Commission's staff setting forth the estimated financial operation for the test year 1956 under present fares and proposed fares. The following is a summarization of the study:

	<u>1956</u>	
	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Passengers	327,929	310,411
Revenue	\$35,240	\$38,980
Expenses	42,500	42,610
Operating Income	<u>(\$7,260)</u>	<u>(\$3,630)</u>
Operating Ratio	120.7%	109.4%

(Red Figure)

Under the proposed fares it was estimated that there would be a 6.6 per cent diminution of adult passengers and a 25 per cent adult commutation ticket usage. ✓

Copies of the application were mailed to the City Clerk of the City of Stockton and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County. Notices of the proposed fares were posted in the buses. No protests have been received.

Upon consideration the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the increased fares have been justified. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

ORDER

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

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Newton Transportation Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish and file, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the increased fares as proposed.

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

(3) That the authority herein granted in paragraph (1) shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1955

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 President

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 Commissioner

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