

ORIGINALDecision No. 54781

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 Jimmy Cavallas, an individual doing)
 business as PITTSBURG WEST PITTSBURG) Application No. 38794
 BUS LINE, for authority to increase)
 certain passenger fares.)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is engaged in the operation of a passenger stage service between the business district of Pittsburg and the Bella Vista district four miles to the west. He uses one 26-passenger 1946 Ford bus utilizing gasoline as fuel. A 1941 White 30-passenger bus is held in reserve for emergencies. Applicant does most of the driving and repair work. Eleven round trips per day between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. are operated six days per week. Each round trip covers 12 miles.

The present fare structure is as follows:

Adults	15¢
Students	10¢
Children	5¢

Applicant proposes to increase the adult fares to 20 cents. No other increases are to be made. Currently, the Pacific Greyhound Lines' fares between Bella Vista and Pittsburg is 20 cents. Applicant provides service through the residential districts in the vicinity of Bella Vista, while Greyhound operates on the main highway.

The public has been adequately informed of the proposed increase in fares. Local authorities were served with copies of the application. Public notice was given by announcements posted in applicant's buses. No protests have been received.

The Commission staff made a study of applicant's operation and has prepared an estimate of results under the proposed fares for

the year ending March 31, 1958. Applicant's estimates are also set forth. These estimates are as follows:

PITTSBURG-WEST PITTSBURG BUS LINE
APPLICATION NO. 38794

ESTIMATED RESULTS OF OPERATION UNDER PROPOSED FARES
FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1958

Item	Book Record Year 1956	Estimate Applicant	Proposed Fares P.U.C. Staff
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OPERATING REVENUE

Passenger Revenue	\$ 5,770	Not	\$ 7,700
School Contract	792	Itemized	800
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 6,562	\$ 9,182	\$ 8,500

OPERATING EXPENSES

Repairs, Servicing, Tires and Tubes	\$ 520	Not	\$ 550
Gasoline and Oil	1,355	Itemized	1,350
Proprietor's Wages	5,000	5,000	5,000
Insurance	985	1,000	1,000
Operating Taxes	420	450	450
Depreciation	447	450	450
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 8,727	\$ 8,727	\$ 8,800
Net Income from Operations	\$ (2,165)	\$ 795	\$ (300)

(Red Figure)

The record consisting of the application, and attached exhibits and the staff study dated March 5, 1957 which will be considered as received in evidence, clearly shows that if present fares remain in effect, and if the operation is continued as at this time, applicant will sustain substantial operating losses. Upon careful consideration of these documents the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed increase has been justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is unnecessary. Due to the urgent need of applicant, the effective date of this decision will be five days after its date.

O R D E R

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Jimmy Cavallas is hereby authorized to establish on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the passenger fares as proposed in Application No. 38794 filed in this proceeding.

(2) That, in addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in his buses and terminals an explanation of his fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare change and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

(3) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

This decision shall become effective ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of April, 1957.

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Commissioners