

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 57291

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )	
of FIALER'S LIMOUSINES, INC., a )	Application No. 39827
corporation, for authority to )	
increase rates and fares. )	

OPINION AND ORDER

Fialer's Limousines, Inc., operates as a passenger stage corporation engaged in the transportation of air line passengers and their baggage between Oakland and Berkeley, on the one hand, and the Metropolitan Oakland International Airport and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand.

By this application authority is sought to increase its fares between Oakland and the Oakland Airport from \$1.10 to \$1.25, and between Oakland and the San Francisco Airport from \$1.45 to \$2.00.<sup>1/</sup> All of the above-mentioned fares include the 10 percent federal transportation tax. No change is proposed in the fares from and to Berkeley.

The application states that the present fares herein involved have been in effect for more than ten years last past and that during that period of time applicant has been subjected to enormous increases in operating costs, including but not limited to labor, fuel, parts and materials, taxes, and cost of equipment. An exhibit attached to the application shows actual operating results for the year 1957, and pro forma statements for the same period under present and proposed fares. A summary of that exhibit is shown in the table which follows:

<sup>1/</sup> The application shows the present fare between Oakland and the San Francisco Airport to be \$1.50. However, according to applicant's tariff this is in error.

	<u>Book Record</u> <u>Year 1957</u>	<u>Estimated Pro Forma</u> <u>Operation - Year 1957</u>	
		<u>Present</u> <u>Fares</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fares</u>
Revenue	\$ 64,372	\$ 64,372	\$ 77,308
Expenses	<u>115,846</u>	<u>117,015</u>	<u>118,994</u>
Net Loss	<u>\$ 51,474</u>	<u>\$ 52,643</u>	<u>\$ 41,686</u>

Applicant explains that, as the fares applicable from and to Berkeley were established effective October 1, 1957, no change is sought therein at this time.

A transportation engineer on the Commission's staff verified applicant's operating results as shown in the above table.

Applicant has notified local authorities of the proposed increases and has posted notices in its terminals and buses. No protests have been received.

It is clear that immediate relief is necessary and that granting of the sought increase will not enable applicant to operate at a profit but will just reduce the loss to a slight extent. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed fare increases are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

In view of the operating loss being experienced, applicant will be authorized to establish the increased fares on five days' notice, and the order which follows will be made effective in ten days.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Fialer's Limousines, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to increase its fares as proposed in the above-entitled application on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

(2) That, in addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in its buses and terminals a printed explanation of the increase in fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted until not less than twenty days after said effective date.

(3) That the authority granted in paragraph (1) above 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 Sund day of September 1958.

S. L. Fox  
 President

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