

# ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57474

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
HORACE CONIGLIO, an individual, do- )	
ing business as CONIGLIO AUTO STAGE, )	Application No. 40404
for authority to increase passenger )	
fares. )	

## OPINION AND ORDER

Horace Coniglio, doing business as Coniglio Auto Stage, operates as a passenger stage corporation over a route approximately one mile in length between the City of Pittsburg and the United States Steel Mill located near Pittsburg. By this application he seeks authority to increase his fare from 10 to 15 cents.

The application shows that the present fare has been in effect for seven years. Applicant states that the sought increase is desperately needed in order to continue his operations.

A transportation engineer on the Commission staff made a study of applicant's operations, which study is hereby made a part of this record and identified as Exhibit No. 1. The study indicates that applicant's books did not reflect all of the expenses attributable to a passenger bus operation of the size operated by applicant, so adjustments were made to allow for repairs, servicing, tires and tubes, a salary to the owner for driving, and for office expense. The bus is 12 years old and fully depreciated. With these adjustments, the study shows estimated operating results for a rate year

ending September 30, 1959, as follows:

	<u>Present Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
Operating Revenue	\$1,660	\$2,180
Operating Expense	<u>3,555</u>	<u>3,555</u>
Net Loss	1,895	1,375
Operating Ratio	214.2%	163.1%

Applicant has notified the City Clerk of Pittsburg of the proposed increase and has posted a notice in his bus. No protest has 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 some extent. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed fare increase is 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 fare 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 Horace Coniglio, doing business as Coniglio Auto Stage, be and he is hereby authorized to increase his fare from 10 to 15 cents 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 his bus a printed explanation of the fare increase. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the

fare change 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1958.

E. L. Fox  
President

W. E. McKel

Ray B. Waterman

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Commissioners