

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57832

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Norman W. Holmes, an individual)	
doing business under the name of)	
MAYFAIR SUBURBAN LINES, for an)	Application No. 40476
ex-parte order for authority to)	
increase rates of fares.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Norman W. Holmes, doing business as Mayfair Suburban Lines, operates as a passenger stage corporation over three routes in Santa Clara County.^{1/} By this application he seeks authority to increase his fares on Routes 1 and 3. The proposed increases are set forth in the application. Basically, on Route 1 the single-zone fare is proposed to be increased from 10 cents to 15 cents and the two-zone fare from 20 cents to 25 cents. On Route 3, it is proposed to make two fare zones out of the present zone 3, which would increase all fares beyond this point by 5 cents. Changes are also proposed in children and school fares and in multiple-ride tickets.

A transportation engineer on the Commission's staff made a study of applicant's operations, which study is hereby made a part of this record and identified as Exhibit No. 1. In addition to the operations here involved, applicant operates another bus line known as Almaden Stages. According to the study, it was necessary to consider both operations as a single entity. Applicant makes no separation of the expense between the two operations. The study shows

^{1/} The three routes serve the following areas:
 Route No. 1 - From San Jose east to the foothills.
 Route No. 2 - San Jose - Santa Clara - Agnew - Alviso.
 Route No. 3 - San Jose - Cupertino - Monta Vista -
 Los Altos - Mountain View.

estimated operating results for the year 1959 as follows:

	<u>Present Fares</u>			<u>Proposed Fares</u>		
	<u>Mayfair Suburban Lines</u>	<u>Almaden Stages</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Mayfair Suburban Lines</u>	<u>Almaden Stages</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue	\$51,150	\$1,100	\$52,250	\$56,650	\$1,100	\$57,750
Expenses	<u>58,630</u>	<u>3,440</u>	<u>62,070</u>	<u>58,630</u>	<u>3,440</u>	<u>62,070</u>
Net Loss	\$ 7,480	\$2,340	\$ 9,820	\$ 1,980	\$2,340	\$ 4,320

The public has been informed of applicant's proposal to increase passenger fares; local authorities were notified by being served copies of the application. Public notice was given by announcements posted in the 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 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 Norman W. Holmes, doing business as Mayfair Suburban Lines, be and he is hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to establish the increased fares and zone boundary changes proposed in Application No. 40476.

2. That, in addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in his buses 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 6th day of January, 1959.

E. L. Fox
 President

W. E. Mitchell

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Commissioners