

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59071

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
INGLEWOOD CITY LINES, a corporation,
for an order granting permission to
increase its local basic passenger
rate and fare structure for the trans-
portation of persons.

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Application No. 41256

Vernon P. Spencer for the applicant.
Elmer J. Sjostrom for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Inglewood City Lines operates as a passenger stage corporation between points within the City of Inglewood and adjacent areas. By this application it seeks to increase fares.

The present fare structure consists of a single-zone system. The adult cash fare is 14 cents or three tokens for 40 cents. The children's fare is 10 cents cash. School tokens are available at the rate of 10 for \$1.00, or 10 cents per ride. Transfers between the various lines of the company are free.

It is herein proposed to increase the adult cash fare to 17 cents and the token fare to 6 for \$1.00. No change is contemplated in the school and children's fares.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Grant E. Syphers on August 19, 1959, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter submitted.

The applicant submitted estimated results of operations under present and proposed fares in exhibits attached to the application. At the hearing, a report prepared by the staff was offered in evidence which set forth similar data but showing a more favorable earning position than that shown by applicant.

Applicant entered into a stipulation whereby the study made by staff engineers could be accepted into evidence without objection. This study discloses the following results of operations under present and proposed fares for the year ending August 31, 1960:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Proposed Fares</u>
Bus Miles Operated	605,880	605,880
<u>Revenue</u>		
Passenger	\$ 257,350	\$ 291,880
Other	9,430	9,430
	\$ 266,780	\$ 301,310
<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 247,430	\$ 247,430
Depreciation	12,930	12,930
Operating Taxes	25,770	25,990
	\$ 286,130	\$ 286,350
Net Before Income Tax	(19,350)	14,960
Income Taxes	100	4,040
Net Income	(19,450)	10,920
Operating Ratio %	107.3	96.4
Rate Base	\$ 194,940	\$ 194,940
Rate of Return %	-	5.6

(Red Figure)

Based upon the record we find that the request of Inglewood City Lines for an increase in its fares is justified. This request will be granted.

There was only one party who appeared in protest to this application, and his protest was simply to the effect that he was opposed to increased costs of transportation as well as other living expenses.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held thereon, the Commission being fully advised

in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Inglewood City Lines be, and it hereby is, authorized to increase its adult cash fare from 14 cents to 17 cents and the adult token fare from 3 for 40 cents to 6 for \$1.00, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. That the authority herein granted 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 29th day of September, 1959.

Everett R. [Signature]
President
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Commissioners

Commissioner...~~Theodore H. Jenner~~, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.