

ORIGINALDecision No. 52649

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 PASADENA CITY LINES, INC., for an
 ex parte order granting authority
 to adjust its rates of fare in effect
 in present joint fare arrangement with
 Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit
 Authority.

Application No. 41916

OPINION AND ORDER

Pasadena City Lines, Inc., operates as an urban passenger stage corporation in the cities of Pasadena, Arcadia and Monrovia and areas adjacent thereto. By this application, filed February 3, 1960, it seeks authority to increase the joint fare it publishes in connection with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The application shows that for almost twenty years applicant has maintained a joint fare arrangement with Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority and its predecessor carriers whereby passengers originating on applicant's lines in the local Pasadena zone and destined to certain points in the local Pasadena zone served by the connecting carrier pay a through fare lesser in amount than the combined total of two local fares. The same arrangement exists for passengers originating on the lines of Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority and destined to points on Pasadena City Lines in the local Pasadena zone.

Applicant states that the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority has increased its local zone fare, effective January 24, 1960, from 17 cents to 20 cents. Applicant further states that this situation is causing considerable confusion to the public, as

applicant can collect only the amount of fare set forth in its tariff, and passengers transferring to the lines of the Transit Authority are then required to pay an additional fare. Accordingly, Pasadena City Lines seeks authority to increase the joint fare to the same level as the local fare now maintained by the Transit Authority.

In the circumstances, it appears that the sought increase in the joint fare is justified. The additional revenue that will accrue to applicant of approximately \$670 per year will not cause a substantial change in operating results. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary. Applicant also requests authority to publish the increased fare on one day's notice. However, this does not allow sufficient time to process the tariff filings. Five days' notice will be authorized. In view of the confusing situation now existing, the order which follows will be made effective in five days.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Pasadena City Lines, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, an increase in the joint fare set forth in its Joint Passenger Tariff, Cal. P.U.C. No. 13, from 17 cents cash to 20 cents cash.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

(3) That applicant be and it is hereby directed to post and maintain in its vehicles a notice of the increased fare herein authorized. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days

prior to the effective date of such fare and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

The effective date of this order shall be five days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th
day of February, 1960.

Elliott C. Leary
President
W. E. Bridgell
W. H. F. Paul
Theodore J. Deane
Commissioners