

ORIGINALDecision No. 65547

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of ROBERT A. BURROWES,)
 doing business as Lincoln Bus Line,)
 for an ex parte order authorizing)
 certain changes in fares.)

Application No. 45090
 (Filed January 4, 1963;
 amended April 2, 1963)

O P I N I O N

Lincoln Bus Line operates in the City of Stockton and adjacent areas, outside of the territory served by Stockton City Lines, providing bus service for school children and adults as well as charter bus service. The area served by Lincoln Bus Line is from Weber Avenue north to San Ramon Terrace and is, in effect, divided into three fare zones: I. From Weber Avenue north to the Calaveras River along El Dorado and Pacific Avenue; II. From the Calaveras River north to Paloma Avenue along Alexandria Place and Pacific Avenue; and III. From Paloma Avenue at Sacramento Road north to San Ramon Terrace. This application seeks to increase school and adult fares and to clarify the zone descriptions.

Applicant has three student fares in effect with special limitations and has applied for one uniform school fare. Present school fares are (1) 40 rides for \$3.50 (8.75¢), (2) 10¢ cash, and (3) 40 rides for \$4.90 (12.25¢). Applicant proposes to make all school fares 40 rides for \$4.90 (12.25¢ or 15¢ cash for Zones I and II with an additional charge of 5¢ cash when entering or leaving Zone III. Present adult fares are: First Zone 20¢ cash with second and third zones each 5¢ additional. Applicant proposes to increase these fares by 5¢ to 25¢, 30¢ and 35¢, respectively. Applicant is prohibited from local pickup and delivery within fare

Zone I where Stockton City Lines provides local service. The proposed school fares will be available to all students within the area served by applicant, whereas the present school fares are, in some cases, limited to specific area of use. There is no child's fare in effect other than the school fares on school days only, and applicant does not propose a child's fare in the present application. Applicant does not propose any change in the present service.

Applicant has operated this company for approximately two and one half years, and several changes in service, routes, fares and equipment have been made during this time. Equipment consists of two 1951 GMC 27-passenger coaches in regular route service and one 1947 37-passenger Aerocoach for charter service and standby. All three buses are gasoline powered.

The Commission staff has made a study of the request and prepared a report which will be received as Exhibit 1.

The staff's estimate of applicant's results of operation for the rate year is determined as follows:

Bus miles are estimated to be unchanged from 1962; regular route 47,875 miles and charter 4,725 miles, for a rate year total of 52,600 miles.

The merchants of Stockton subsidized evening operations during the 1962 Christmas shopping season for 10 nights at \$20 per night. This \$200 has not been included for the rate year as this arrangement is not expected to be renewed in 1963. The effect of the proposed fare increases is shown in the following table.

Student
Fares

<u>Present</u>			<u>Proposed</u>		
<u>Fare</u>	<u>Passen- gers</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Passen- gers</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
8.75¢	12,783	\$ 1,119	12.25¢	24,944	\$ 3,056
10.0	10,894	1,089	15.0	10,181	1,527
12.25	3,795	465	17.25	571	98
			20.0	571	114
					426
					13,497
					173

Adult
Fares

20.0	1,978	396	25.0	1,703	426
25.0	57,060	14,265	30.0	44,991	13,497
30.0	645	194	35.0	490	173
Total	87,155	17,523		83,485	18,891

The staff study indicates the estimated results under the present fares and the proposed fares as shown in Appendix A hereto annexed. The staff recommends that the application as amended be granted.

Notice of the proposed increases has been duly served upon all interested parties and no protests have been filed. Based upon the allegations of the verified application as amended and the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that the proposed fares are justified and reasonable, and that the requested increases should be granted upon less than the statutory notice, and that the effective date of the following order should be ten days after its date. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Robert A. Burrowes is authorized to establish the increased fares as proposed in Application No. 45090 as amended. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective

date hereof, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

3. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in his buses and terminals a typed or printed explanation of his fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare change and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of June, 1963.

George A. Trower
President
Robert [unclear]
Fredrick B. Holoff
William M. Bennett

Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A

ROBERT A. BURROWES
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LINCOLN BUS LINE

ESTIMATED RESULTS OF OPERATION UNDER PRESENT AND PROPOSED FARES

		Applicant's	P.U.C. Staff Estimates:	
		Book Record	Rate Year Ending 5-31-64:	
Account:		12 Mos. Ended	Present	Proposed
No.	Item	12-31-62	Fares	Fares
		(1)	(2)	(3)
	Bus Miles Operated	52,600	52,600	52,600
<u>REVENUE</u>				
55	Passenger	\$ 17,704	\$17,530	\$18,890
60	Other Operating	<u>2,269</u>	<u>2,170</u>	<u>2,170</u>
	Total Revenues	\$ 19,973	\$19,700	\$21,060
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
64	Repairs, Servicing, Tires	\$ 576	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
66	Drivers' Wages	6,730	7,330	7,330
68	Fuel & Lube Oil	2,866	2,200	2,200
74	Tariff, Traffic & Advertising	353	110	110
76	Insurance, Injuries & Damage	3,403	3,400	3,400
78	Office Salaries & Expenses	<u>1,618</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>4,530</u>
	Total Transportation Expenses	\$15,546	\$19,670	\$19,670
80	Depreciation	\$ 1,991	\$ 590	\$ 590
82	Operating Taxes & Licenses	1,474	2,140	2,140
86	Rent	<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>
	Total Operating Expenses	\$19,551	\$22,940	\$22,940
	Net Income Before Income Tax	\$ 422	\$(3,240)	\$(1,880)

(Red Figure)