

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 65S10

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
STOCKTON CITY LINES, INC., for an)	
ex parte order to discontinue serv-)	
ice after approximately 7:30 p.m.)	Application No. 45529
on week days except Thursday after)	
approximately 9:15 p.m. and 4:45)	
p.m. on Sundays and Holidays.)	

O P I N I O N

Stockton City Lines, Inc., filed this application on June 18, 1963 to request authority to discontinue night service on all routes after 7:30 p.m. during weekdays except Thursday, when the downtown stores remain open until 9 p.m.; Thursday service to be discontinued after approximately 9:15 p.m. and Sunday and holiday service after approximately 4:40 p.m.

It is alleged that the applicant suffered a loss of \$18,152.59 during 1962 even though the city of Stockton and the Stockton Merchants Association made subsidy payments to the applicant based on 10 cents per employee hour totaling \$12,845.04; a further loss was incurred during the first four months of 1963 of \$14,575.07; all subsidy payments ceased in June of 1963, at which time the applicant was forced to assume the obligation of the 10 cents per employee hour previously provided by the subsidy payment; if this application is granted it will result in savings of \$20,000 a year on present expenses thereby minimizing the present prohibitive operating losses.

The following table indicates the results of a traffic survey on the evening buses which was made by the applicant.

	<u>6 Week Nights after 7:30 p.m.</u>	<u>1 Sunday Night after 4:40 p.m.</u>
Miles Operated	2,121.1	569.8
Number of Passengers Carried	1,186	328
Passengers per Mile	.56	.58
Amount of Revenue	\$ 285.04	\$ 78.26
Revenue per Mile (Cents)	13.44	13.73
Vehicle Hours	186 Hrs. 51 Min.	48 Hrs. 19 Min.
Number of Buses Operated	6	6
Average No. of Pass. per Hour	6.3	6.78

It is alleged that copies of the application were served on the Stockton City Manager, the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County, and the Stockton Merchants Association; notice of the filing of this application was published in the Stockton Record on June 18, 1963 and on June 21, notice was posted in all of the applicant's buses. No protests have been received to this application.

The Commission's Transportation Engineering staff has submitted a staff memorandum which is placed in evidence herein as Exhibit 1. The memorandum states the applicant's level of traffic and revenue is now approximately 12 percent below the level projected in the Commission decision (No. 64418, dated October 16, 1962), which authorized the present fares. The level of operating expenses is approximately the same as was projected. It is concluded that the company will realize a net saving of \$23,000 if the requested service reduction is allowed and that the future operation will produce a loss even after the service is reduced.

We therefore find that:

1. The volume of traffic carried during the hours of the proposed service curtailment is not sufficient to justify the continuation of the service considering all related factors.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.
3. Public convenience and necessity no longer require the services sought to be abandoned.

Upon consideration of the foregoing findings, we therefore conclude that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date hereof Stockton City Lines, Inc., is hereby authorized to discontinue bus service over all routes after approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and is further authorized to discontinue bus service over all routes after approximately 9:15 p.m. on Thursday only, and is further authorized to discontinue bus service over all routes after approximately 4:45 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

2. For a period of not less than ten days prior to the discontinuance of service as authorized by ordering paragraph 1 hereof Stockton City Lines, Inc., shall post proper notice in the appropriate terminals and bus stops and in all buses.

3. Applicant, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, effective concurrently with the discontinuance of service herein authorized, shall amend its tariffs and timetables to reflect the action taken herein. The timetables filed with the Commission shall clearly indicate the schedules to be discontinued as well as those to remain in operation.

4. Applicant shall give not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public of its discontinuance of service pursuant to this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of JULY, 1963.

William W. Bennett
President
John H. ...
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George L. ...
Frederick B. ...
Commissioners