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Decision No. 84548

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
MT. LASSEN MOTOR TRANSIT, INC., for )  
an order authorizing to increase )  
passenger fares. }

Application No. 55607  
(Filed April 7, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc., presently providing service as a passenger stage corporation, requests a 15 percent increase in passenger fares.

Applicant has been providing service since 1946 pursuant to Decision No. 38902 in Application No. 27249. Its present fares were established by Decision No. 83260 dated August 6, 1974 in Application No. 54669.

It is alleged that the proposed fare increase is required to offset increases in the cost of insurance, gasoline, wages, and repairs.

The staff of the Transportation Division made an analysis of applicant's operations and submitted a report on the estimated results of operations based on the operations of an estimated year 1975 under present and proposed fares. The report is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1. The exhibit indicates the following results:

Results of Operations

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item or Accounts Description</u>	<u>Application Income Statement</u>	<u>1975 Estimated Results</u>	
			<u>Present Fares</u>	<u>Fares Requested</u>
	Bus Miles		65,740	65,740
	Passengers		1,095	1,054
	<u>Revenues</u>			
320	Passenger	\$ 3,187	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,810
322	Express	6,096	7,010	7,010
360	Miscellaneous Station	-	10	10
390	Mail	8,809	7,700	7,700
300	Total	\$18,692	\$18,170	\$18,530
	<u>Expenses</u>			
410	Repairs	\$ 2,415	\$ 1,930	\$ 1,930
420	Transportation	9,310	15,110	15,110
430	Station	1,023	1,280	1,280
440	Traffic	191	100	100
450	Insurance	933	2,530	2,530
460	General	2,628	1,010	1,010
500	Depreciation	348	-	-
520	Taxes	1,117	1,450	1,450
	Total	\$17,965	\$23,410	\$23,410
	Operating Income	\$ 127	\$ (5,240)	\$ (4,880)
	Income Taxes	200	200	200
	Net Income	\$ (73)	\$ (5,440)	\$ (5,080)
	Operating Ratio	100.4%	129.9%	127.4%

(Red Figure)

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. The requested increase would result in additional annual revenues in the amount of \$360.
2. The proposed fare increase is justified.
3. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 55607. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority 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 its buses and terminals a printed explanation of its fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th  
day of JUNE, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William L. Sturgeon  
Donald V. Sturgeon  
Lawrence Sturgeon  
Commissioners