

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41251

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of )  
THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, )  
NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, ) Application  
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, ) No. 28985  
SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, )  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, ) (First Supplemental)  
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, and )  
WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY )  
for authority to increase certain local, inter- )  
division and joint passenger fares. )

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

Applicants are common carriers by railroad. By applica-  
tion filed January 2, 1948, they sought authority under Section 63  
of the Public Utilities Act to increase, on not to exceed 5 days'  
notice, their local, inter-division and joint passenger fares and ex-  
cess baggage rates. Following a public hearing had on January 16,  
1948, increases were authorized in fares for transportation in  
standard sleeping and parlor cars, in tourist sleeping cars and in  
excess baggage rates.<sup>1</sup> Although the record made at the hearing em-  
braced all forms of passenger transportation, applicants requested  
that an order pertaining to transportation in coaches and chair cars  
be withheld pending the disposition of a similar application filed  
with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

By supplemental application filed February 16, applicants  
now seek an order authorizing them to make the increases in coach  
fares heretofore requested on 5 days' notice. They point out that  
by its decision and order of February 16, 1948, the Interstate

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<sup>1</sup>  
The increases referred to were authorized by Decision No. 41216,  
of February 10, 1948, in this proceeding.

Commerce Commission in its Docket No. 29897 authorized such increases for interstate transportation in western territory and for intrastate transportation in nine of the western states. They seek authority to make increases effective March 1, 1948, the date upon which the interstate rates are being increased.

The proposal immediately before us is as follows: (a) increase one-way coach fares from 2.2 to 2.5 cents per mile; (b) increase the minimum one-way first class, one-way intermediate class, and one-way coach fares from ten to fifteen cents; (c) increase special fares in amounts ranging from 13.63 to 16.90 per cent; (d) increase round-trip coach fares to 180 per cent of one-way fares of 2.5 cents per mile from present round-trip fares of 180 per cent of one-way fares of 2.2 cents per mile; and (e) increase mixed class fares to one half of the proposed round-trip fares for like class in each direction from one half of the present round-trip fares for like class in each direction.

The showing in support of this supplemental application was made at the January 16 hearing. The revenue increase of approximately \$1,650,000 referred to in our Decision No. 41216, supra, includes the revenue expected to result from this latest proposal. The showing upon which that decision was based embraced the facts here relied upon. A repetitious discussion of these matters would serve no useful purpose.

It is clear from Decision No. 41216, supra, that recent increases in wages and in materials and supplies exceeded by substantial amounts the revenue sought, and that applicants' passenger transportation for the year 1948 will in all probability result in a further deficit.

Upon full consideration of all the facts and circumstances of record we are of the opinion and find that the further increases in fares for transportation in passenger coaches hereinbefore discussed are justified. The application will be granted.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Based on the evidence of record and upon the conclusions and findings set forth in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants herein, other than Pacific Electric Railway Company in so far as its local fares are concerned, be and they are, and each of them is, hereby authorized to establish within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public the increased one-way and round-trip fares proposed by the application herein.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicants herein, other than the Pacific Electric Railway Company in so far as its local fares are concerned, be and they are, and each of them is, hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 24(a) of the Public Utilities Act to the extent necessary to effect the increases herein authorized.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that fares as authorized herein may be published without regard to the terms of Tariff Circular No. 2 to the extent necessary to carry out the effect of the order herein.

This order shall become effective March 1, 1948.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1948.

*R. J. [Signature]*  
*Arthur J. [Signature]*  
*W. A. [Signature]*  
*James P. [Signature]*  
*Samuel [Signature]*  
 Commissioners