

Decision No. 45263

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
E. B. PADRICK, Agent, for The Atchison,
Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company
(Coast Lines), California Western Rail-
road, Northwestern Pacific Railroad
Company, San Diego & Arizona Eastern
Railway Company, Southern Pacific
Company (Pacific Lines), Union Pacific
Railroad Company, and The Western
Pacific Railroad Company for authority
to increase the charge for stopovers
of air-conditioned sleeping cars
chartered on "per diem" basis, or
operated on "exclusive occupancy
capacity" basis, also for cars oper-
ated on overflow basis, as published
in Western Local and Joint Passenger
Tariff No. 183-3, Cal.P.U.C. No. 133
(H. W. Siddall's issue), E. B. Padrick,
Agent.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 31946

OPINION AND ORDER

In this proceeding, applicants seek authority to increase charges for stopovers of chartered air-conditioned sleeping cars. No charge is made if the total cumulative stopover time is 12 hours or less. If such time amounts to more than 12 hours, the present charge is \$5.00 per car for each 24 hours or fraction thereof.

Applicants propose to increase this charge to \$10.00. Corresponding increases are proposed in the extra charges for space occupied in additional cars used to accommodate the overflow from full cars.

The existing \$5.00 charge is the result of successive reductions from the \$20.00 basis which was established in 1938. The first reduction, in 1939, was to \$15.00. In 1941, the charge was reduced to \$10.00. Finally, in 1947, the \$5.00 basis was established. The preponderance of the traffic involving the stopovers in question has been interstate. Nevertheless, and so that all users of the service would be accorded like treatment, the reductions were made on

intrastate traffic as well as interstate. The \$10.00 charge in effect from 1941 to 1947 has been restored on interstate traffic effective December 15, 1950. The petition here seeks to restore this charge on intrastate traffic. There has been no recent use of the service in question in intrastate operations; little or no demand for such service is anticipated.

The verified application relies upon a study of current additional costs for the stopover of air-conditioned cars to establish that such costs range from \$4.91 to \$21.46 per day and average \$10.00.

In the circumstances it appears that the sought increased charges are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that E. B. Padrick, Agent, be and he is hereby authorized to establish the increased charges proposed in the above-entitled application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire ninety (90) days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of January, 1951.

R. J. Indragan
Justin Z. Guevara
Harold A. Kula
Kenneth W. Potter

 Commissioners