

Decision No. 46221

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of The Atchison, )  
Topeka and Santa Fe Railway )  
Company to establish a special )  
charge for passengers occupying )  
reserved coach seats. )

Application No. 32712

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OPINION AND ORDER

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is a common carrier of passengers by railroad between Los Angeles and San Diego and intermediate points. It provides nonreserved coach service between these points. Parlor car accommodations are also offered. The charge for such accommodations is 80 cents per seat. Seats may be reserved. This is the only means of securing seat reservations now available. The charge therefor is in addition to the first class fare.

By this application authority is sought under Section 63 of the Public Utilities Act to establish a special service charge for reserved coach seats. The proposed charge between the terminal points is 50 cents. Somewhat lesser charges are proposed for travel from and to intermediate points. These charges would be in addition to the regular coach fares. The coach fares are lower than the first class fares. Reserved seat coaches are to be placed in service. Parlor cars are to be discontinued.

Applicant alleges that the proposed service charges for coach seat reservations are necessary because of the additional expense involved in handling reservations. The coaches would provide 40 more reserved seats per trip than the parlor cars now provide. There would be no change in the number of nonreserved seats. Applicant would merely substitute coaches for the parlor cars.

Under applicant's proposals additional reserved seat accommodations would be made available at lesser charges than now prevail and the accommodations and fares for nonreserved seat passengers would remain unchanged. In the circumstances, the granting of the application is justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized to establish the charges proposed in the above-entitled application on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1951.

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President  
Justice D. [Signature]  
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Commissioners