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Decision No. 58788

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Trans World Airlines, Inc. } for order authorizing establishment of } certain intrastate passenger fares appli- } cable to service on jet aircraft. }	Application No. 41101
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Trans World Airlines, Inc., seeks authority to establish increased passenger fares for service on Boeing 707 jet aircraft between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The proposed fares are \$25.95 and \$17.05, for first-class and coach service, respectively. Each of these fares is \$2.00 higher than the corresponding current fares for travel on piston aircraft. Authority is also sought to publish the fares in the form of a surcharge, and to establish them on less than statutory notice in order that they may be put into effect on May 29, 1959, when it is planned to inaugurate the new service.

The application alleges that the proposed fares are fully justified by the greater speed and more luxurious accommodations and appointments to be offered on the jet aircraft.

The application recites that the Civil Aeronautics Board has approved surcharges for interstate traffic on similar service. It states that the fares for California intrastate traffic proposed herein are required if the airline is to continue to maintain uniformity between its interstate and intrastate fares.

Applicant estimates that the proposed increased fares will produce a total of approximately \$42,000 in additional revenue from California operations during the period from May 29, 1959, to December 31, 1959. Applicant asserts that its California intrastate

operations are being conducted at a loss and that even with the higher fares for jet service it will continue to incur losses on these operations.

In view of all of the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increased fares are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. In view of the expected commencement date of the jet service, this order will be made effective on the date hereof and applicant will be authorized to publish the fares on two days' notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Trans World Airlines, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and the public, the increased fares as proposed in the above entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof..

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of May, 1959.

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