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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of UNITED AIR LINES, INC., for order authorizing establishment of certain local and joint intrastate passenger fares applicable to service on jet aircraft.

Application No. 41445

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, United Air Lines, Inc., seeks authority to establish increased passenger fares for service on Douglas DC-8 jet aircraft between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The proposed fares are \$25.95 and \$17.05, for first-class and ceach 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.

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 \$55,000 in additional revenue from California operations during 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.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That United Air Lines, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish, on not less than five 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 39th day of September, 1959.

President

Commissioners