

Decision No. 60024**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 42068

OPINION AND ORDER

Western Air Lines, Inc., is a common carrier by air of passengers, property and mail operating between points located in various states of the United States, including California, as well as Canada and Mexico. Within California, applicant presently provides air service with piston aircraft (DC-6B's) and turbo-prop aircraft (Lockheed Electras) between a number of cities, including Los Angeles and San Francisco. Applicant will receive delivery of two Boeing 707 jet aircraft on lease from Boeing Airplane Co. in May, 1960 and expects to inaugurate jet service between Los Angeles and San Francisco shortly thereafter. Both first class and coach service will be provided on the same aircraft.

By this application filed March 23, 1960, applicant seeks authority to establish a surcharge of \$2 applicable to both first class and coach fares on jet flights between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The surcharge would not be applicable on flights on which piston aircraft or Lockheed Electras are scheduled or utilized. If the application is granted the adult one-way fares would be as follows:

	<u>DC-6B and Electra Flights</u>	<u>707 Flights</u>
First Class	\$23.95	\$25.95
Coach	15.05	17.05

The Commission has heretofore granted authority to United Air Lines and Trans World Airlines, Inc., to establish the fares sought herein. The Civil Aeronautics Board has approved a \$2 surcharge for first class and coach fares on jet service between Los Angeles and San Francisco in connection with interstate travel. The granting of the authority herein will enable applicant to continue to maintain uniformity between its interstate and intrastate fare structures.

The surcharge will be applicable only for the proposed improved service. Upon consideration of all of the circumstances we are of the opinion and find that the increase resulting from the establishment of the proposed surcharge is justified. A public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Western Air Lines, Inc., is authorized to establish the fares proposed in its application filed March 23, 1960.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority granted herein shall expire if not 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 3rd day of May, 1960.

Ernest R. [Signature]
President
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Commissioners