

Decision No. 61305

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of West Coast Airlines, )  
Inc., for authority to increase intra- ) Application No. 42757  
state air freight rates. )

Application of West Coast Airlines, )  
Inc., for authority to increase and )  
establish certain Premium Specific ) Application No. 42819  
Commodity intrastate air freight )  
rates. )

OPINION AND ORDER

West Coast Airlines, Inc., is a common carrier by air of passengers, property and mail between Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco.<sup>1</sup> By these applications, filed October 14 and November 2, 1960, it seeks authority to increase certain of its rates and ratings for the transportation of property within California.

The applications show that the adjustments in rates herein sought were recently established on interstate traffic under authority of the Civil Aeronautics Board. The company desires to maintain its intrastate rate structure on the same basis as its interstate rate structure. It alleges that confusion would result on the part of applicant's employees, agents and other airline personnel, in the event of nonuniform application of rates over different portions of applicant's system.

The applications show that West Coast Airlines, Inc., has transported very little property in intrastate commerce within California. During the month of August, 1960, for example, it handled only seven shipments. The total weight of these shipments was 398 pounds and the total charges were \$22.72.

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<sup>1</sup> West Coast Airlines, Inc., also operates interstate and intrastate between points in six western states, including California, and in Alberta, Canada.

Specifically, applicant seeks to increase its rate per pound from 5 cents to 6 cents, to increase its rate per 100 pounds from \$3.00 to \$3.30, and to increase by various percentages its premium specific commodity rates on cats, dogs and flowers. The applications show that, even with the proposed increases, applicant's California intrastate rates will be lower than those maintained by other airlines between the same points.

Copies of the applications were served on competing airlines, on the Cities of San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento, and on other governmental bodies. No objection has been received to the granting of these applications.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposals are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The applications will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That West Coast Airlines, Inc., is hereby authorized to revise its California Air Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, as follows:

SECTION I - (Part 4 - Transportation Charges, Rule 4.1)

(a) establish the following percentage ratings:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cats	175%
Dogs	175%
Flowers, cut or uncut	150%

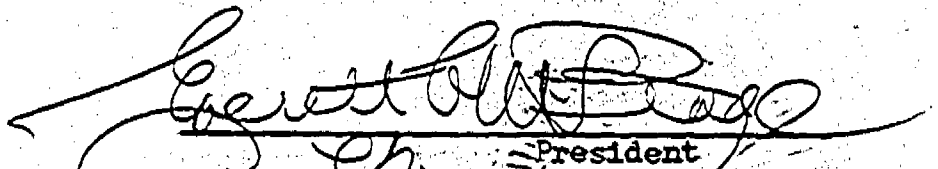
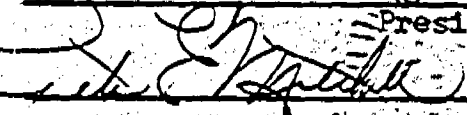
SECTION II - RATES AND CHARGES

- (a) increase to 6 cents the rate applicable to shipments weighing less than 100 pounds.
- (b) increase to \$3.30 the rate applicable to shipments weighing 100 pounds and over.

(2) 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 4th day of January, 1961.

  
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