

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 61565

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
THE PULLMAN COMPANY for authority, )	
under Sections 454 and 491 of the )	Application No. 42925
Public Utilities Code, to increase )	
rates. )	

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pullman Company seeks authority to establish new rates for the exclusive use of Standard Sleeping Cars for round trips at per diem rates and new Private Car per diem rates for California intrastate trips, based approximately 20 per cent above those presently in effect. It also desires to establish charges for fractions of a day included in the charter period to be based on four, rather than two, chargeable periods.

On November 15, 1960, the Interstate Commerce Commission granted The Pullman Company authority to establish the rates proposed herein on interstate traffic and such rates were made effective January 1, 1961.

Applicant avers that for the calendar year 1959, it received \$3,174 from Standard Sleeping Car per diem movements in California; that the cost of providing this service, excluding yard electrical maintenance amounted to approximately \$5,100. For the first 10 months of 1960, applicant had no Standard Sleeping Car movements under per diem rates in California. There have been no Private Car movements within California under per diem rates over the past two years. Applicant no longer owns or regularly has under lease any private cars. When demand for private car service under

per diem rates is made, applicant rents railroad-owned cars of so-called business or official types for the duration of the particular movements.

By Decision No. 61194 dated December 13, 1960, in Application No. 42747, the Commission authorized The Pullman Company to increase rates for room accommodations, except on roomettes by \$1 per person per night. It was pointed out in that decision that, on the basis of 1959 operations, even after such increases in fares, The Pullman Company would have an operating loss of \$166,899 in California for an operating ratio of 119.2 per cent. The proposed increases in per diem rates on California traffic will not amount to the loss so indicated.

We find the proposed increases are justified and that a public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That The Pullman Company is authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the increased Standard Sleeping Car and Private Car per diem rates proposed in its application filed herein.

2. That applicant is authorized to publish said increased fares by means of a new Special Service Tariff, in the form as per Exhibit B attached to its application; and to the extent that departure from the terms and rules of Tariff Circular No. 2 is required to accomplish said publication, authority for such departure is granted.

3. That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty 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 21st day of February, 1961.

Ernest B. Parsons  
 President

Walter C. Mitchell

W. L. Fox

George G. Grover

Frederick B. Holbrook  
 Commissioners