

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 62140

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.,)
for order authorizing establishment of)
certain intrastate passenger fares) Application No. 43381
applicable to service on jet aircraft.)

OPINION AND ORDER

American Airlines, Inc., is a common carrier by air of passengers and property between San Diego and Los Angeles, among other points. On or about June 11, 1961, applicant proposes to inaugurate jet air service with Boeing 707 or 720 aircraft between these cities. Both first class service and coach service will be provided on the same aircraft.

By this application, filed May 8, 1961, American Airlines, Inc., requests authority to establish, on less than statutory notice, a surcharge of one dollar applicable to both first class service and coach service on jet aircraft between San Diego and Los Angeles. Such surcharge would be in addition to the present fares of \$10.35 for first class service and \$9.35 for coach service. The surcharge would not be applicable to piston aircraft which will be continued in service and no change in fares on these aircraft is proposed herein.

The service by jet aircraft, according to the application, is an improvement over service by piston aircraft. Applicant alleges that its proposed service is fully comparable to service on jet aircraft provided by United Air Lines, Inc., and Western Air Lines, Inc. between San Diego and Los Angeles. For such service by these airlines the Commission recently found increases in fares similar to those proposed by applicant to be reasonable for the improved service.¹

¹ Western Air Lines, Inc., Decision No. 60024 in Application No. 42068; United Air Lines, Inc., Decision No. 60765 in Application No. 42519.

In view of all of the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increased fares are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. In view of the expected commencement date of the jet aircraft 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 American 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 13th day of June, 1961.

President

Secretary

Commissioner

Commissioners