

Decision No. 62460**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of EDGAR A. STEWART, )  
 doing business as STEWART AIR )  
 SERVICE, for an increase in )  
 intrastate charter rates. )

Application No. 43596

OPINION AND ORDER

Edgar A. Stewart, doing business as Stewart Air Service, is a common carrier by aircraft operating out of Hawthorne Airport with three Douglas DC-3 airplanes, one Douglas DC-4 airplane and one Beechcraft D-18 airplane.

By Decision No. 61310, dated January 4, 1961, in Application No. 42828, Stewart was authorized to increase charter mileage rates and to cancel point-to-point fares. Applicant asserts that through a misunderstanding he did not exercise this authority and it expired April 24, 1961. His tariff presently provides fares for "schedule service" from airports in and about Los Angeles to San Diego, Del Mar and Santa Maria, and rates in cents-per-mile for service between other points.

Applicant seeks authority herein to establish the charter mileage rates authorized in Decision No. 61310 and to establish point-to-point fares between certain other airports in addition to those named above. The additional airports include Burbank, El Cajon, Long Beach, San Bernardino and Santa Ana. The only increases in point-to-point fares involve a one-cent increase in the round-trip fares between airports in and about Los Angeles, on the one hand, and Del Mar and San Diego, on the other hand. The present one-way fare is \$9.10 which applicant does not propose to increase.

The present round-trip fare is \$18.19 and applicant proposes round-trip fares to be double the one-way fares, or in this case \$18.20.

Financial statements appended to the application show that applicant had an operating loss of \$14,843 for the first quarter of 1961.




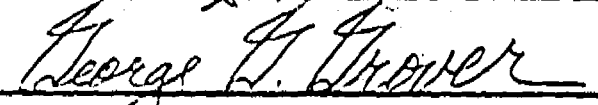

Other than the one-cent increase in round-trip fares mentioned above, all of the proposed increases were found to be justified by the Commission in said Decision No. 61310. Said proposed increases are small, applicant is continuing to operate at a loss, and the other facts and circumstances recited in said decision as justifying the proposed increases have not changed materially. After consideration, we find that the proposed increases are justified and that a public hearing is not necessary. The other tariff provisions proposed by applicant cover services for which rates and fares are not presently specifically set forth in applicant's tariff and involve reductions or changes not resulting in increases. Because of the operating losses being sustained, applicant will be authorized to establish the proposed fares on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Edgar A. Stewart is authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the rates and fares proposed in his application filed July 12, 1961, and more particularly set forth in Exhibit 1 thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority granted herein-  
above 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 22nd  
day of August, 1961.

  
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