

Decision No. 63719

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY by )  
E. B. Padrick, Agent, for authority )  
to increase intrastate one-way and )  
round-trip coach fares 5 per cent. )

Application No. 44160

O P I N I O N

By this application, Great Northern Railway Company, through its agent, E. B. Padrick, seeks authority to increase its California intrastate one-way and round-trip coach passenger fares by five per cent.

The percentage increase herein is the same as that which all other major railroads of California were authorized to establish by Decision No. 63671, dated May 8, 1962, in Application No. 43761.

Great Northern operates approximately 70 miles of line in California extending from the Oregon-California state line, south of Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Bieber, California. At the latter point applicant connects with the Northern California extension of The Western Pacific Railroad Company. According to the application, Great Northern presently does not operate regularly scheduled passenger train service in California, and the proposed fares would apply only in connection with special train movements.

The application further indicates that an increase corresponding to that sought herein became effective in connection with all interstate coach fares of applicant on March 1, 1962. It is not expected that the increased California intrastate fares would produce any substantial amount of additional revenue, but in the

interest of uniformity applicant desires to apply the 5 per cent increase to said intrastate fares as well as to its fares applicable on other coach traffic.

It appears that Great Northern has been subjected to the same increases in operating costs in connection with such California intrastate traffic as it enjoys, as well as to other pertinent economic factors, as have been sustained by the carriers parties to said Application No. 43761, and which prompted the filing of same by those carriers. It further appears that the same considerations which justified the granting of fare increases to the roads involved in Application No. 43761 also obtain with respect to applicant herein.

We find that the fare increases sought herein have been justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Based upon the evidence of record and upon the findings and conclusions set forth in the preceding opinion,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Great Northern Railway Company is hereby authorized to establish the increased passenger fares as proposed in the application filed in this proceeding. The tariff publications authorized to be made may be filed not earlier than the effective date hereof, to become effective on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd  
day of MAY, 1962.

Charles L. Page  
President  
W. L. DeLoach  
E. A. Tamm  
George L. Brown  
Fredrick B. Hubbard  
Commissioners