

ORIGINALDecision No. 67357

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application
of THE PULLMAN COMPANY for Authority,
under Section 454 and 491 of the
Public Utilities Code, to increase
rates.

Application No. 46495

O P I N I O N

The Pullman Company seeks authority to establish a new per diem rate for the exclusive use of standard sleeping cars for round trips in California intrastate transportation. The present and proposed rates are \$127 and \$160, respectively, per day per car. The fare herein proposed has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, to become effective on May 15, 1964, on interstate traffic.

Applicant alleges that for the calendar year 1963 it received a total of \$508 in revenue from standard sleeping car per diem movements in California and that the cost of providing this service, exclusive of yard electrical maintenance, amounted to \$757, reflecting a deficit of \$249. Assuming the same volume of California intrastate per diem operations in the future as in 1963, the proposed fare would produce, on an annual basis, \$132 in additional revenue. Applicant points out that this amount will still be insufficient to permit it to recover the operating costs involved.

The application shows that, where necessary, the carrier has concurrently filed applications with other state regulatory bodies seeking authority to place in effect within those states the

same increased per diem rate as proposed herein and for interstate movements.

No increases are sought herein in Pullman fares other than the above-mentioned per diem per car rates applicable to cars furnished for exclusive use of parties.

We find that:

1. The present per diem rate is insufficient to cover the costs of providing the services involved.
2. In performing said services at the proposed rate applicant will continue to experience a deficit.
3. The proposed increase is justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

We conclude that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pullman Company is authorized to establish the increased rate proposed in Application No. 46495. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date hereof on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. Applicant is authorized, in publishing said increased rate, to make publication in the same form of supplement as filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to said Application No. 46495.

3. 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of JUNE 4, 1964.

William B. Arnold
President

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Fredrick B. Hallock
Commissioners