

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 74929

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

S. J. ROGERS, AGENT, on behalf of Western Air Lines, Inc., for an order simplifying family fare plan rates which will result in increases in certain types of family travel and a reduction for other types of family travel.

(SPT) Application No. 50609  
(Filed October 11, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, S. J. Rogers, Agent, seeks authority on behalf of Western Air Lines, Inc. (WAL) to amend his Rules Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, to provide that WAL's family plan fares shall be the following percentages of the regular adult first class or coach fares:

Spouse - 75%

Son(s) and/or Daughter(s):

12 through 21 years of age - 50%

2 through 11 years of age - 33-1/3%

(If no spouse is accompanying the head of the family, the first child 2 through 21 years of age will be charged 75 percent of the regular adult fare).

The application alleges that the proposed family plan fare structure will be less complex than WAL's present fare structure which provides four different levels of discount fares, and nine possible discount combinations. The proposed family plan fare structure will reduce the number of possible discount combinations to three.

The application asserts that the revised schedule of family plan fares has been approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board for application to interstate traffic and was put into effect on such traffic on July 17, 1968. WAL desires, in the interest of uniformity, to maintain the same schedule of discounts for family fares on both inter- and intrastate traffic.

The proposed family fare schedule results in both increases and reductions in fares. The application alleges that the changes tend to offset each other, and that the net effect on WAL's California intrastate gross revenues is a decrease in said revenues of one-tenth of one percent.

The application states that no party is known to be opposed to the tariff changes proposed therein. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 10, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the increases resulting from the publication of the family plan fare schedule proposed in the application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. S. J. Rogers, Agent, is hereby authorized to publish and file in his Intrastate Local and Joint Passenger Rules Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, on behalf of Western Air Lines, Inc., increases in family plan fares as specifically proposed in the application herein.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date

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of this order and may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1968.

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*Richard P. Morrissey*  
Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.