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Decision No. 75914

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of AIR WEST, INC.,  
for authority to increase its  
intrastate passenger fares.

Application No. 50926

FINAL ORDER

Decision No. 75689, dated May 20, 1969 in this proceeding was an interim opinion and order authorizing Air West, Inc. to increase its passenger air fares for its California intrastate operations. Final submission of this proceeding was made subject to the condition that the Commission staff notify the Commission and applicant within sixty days that it is ready to proceed to further hearing.

The assigned Commissioner and Examiner have been notified by the Directors of the Commission's Finance and Accounts Division and Transportation Division that further hearing for the presentation of evidence by staff members will not be necessary, and they recommend that the interim fare increase authorized by Decision No. 75689 be made final. This recommendation is predicated (1) on a staff study prepared by a financial examiner (incorporated into the record herein as Exhibit 3) which analyzes in detail the operating revenues and expenses of Air West and which contains a conclusion that the interim fares will not serve to wholly eliminate operating losses on either a system or intrastate basis; and (2) the Transportation Division's review of the allocating procedures used by applicant for intrastate service which, without accepting all of the methods used, concludes that the overall study is adequate for this proceeding.

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In the circumstances, the Commission concludes that the interim authority to increase fares contained in Decision No. 75689 should be made final.

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 75689, dated May 20, 1969, in Application No. 50926, is the final order of the Commission in said proceeding.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 1969.

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Commissioners

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

Commissioner Fred P. Merrissey, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.