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Decision No. 76116

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of AIR WEST, INC. under the) Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to make changes simplifying family plan rules which will result in increases in some types of family plan travel and) reductions in other types of family plan travel.

)(SPT) Application No. 51259) (Filed July 18, 1969)

<u>OPINION AND ORDER</u>

By this application, Air West, Inc. seeks authority to amend Rule 44 (Family Fares) as published in Agent S. J. Rogers' Intrastate Local and Joint Passenger Rules Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, to provide for a uniform scale of percentages applicable to either first class or coach fares for the spouse, and children two through 21 years of age accompanying the head of the family when traveling under the terms of this rule.

The percentages as proposed to be published within said rule are as follows:

Spouse - 75% Children

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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 proposed charge will be:

First child - 2 through 21 years of age - 75% of the regular adult first class or coach fare.

Each additional child - 12 through 21 years of age - 50% of the adult fare.

Any additional child - 2 through 11 years of age - 33-1/3% of the adult fare.

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It is further proposed to make uniform the periods of the week when family travel is permitted, as follows:

Not Earlier Than

Not Later Than

12:00 Noon Local Time Monday Midnight Local Time Friday

12:00 Noon Local Time Friday 12:00 Noon Local Time Sunday

The applicant alleges as a result of the merger of Bonanza Air Lines, Inc., Pacific Air Lines, Inc. and West Coast Airlines, Inc., and the adoption by Air West, Inc. of the tariff rules, fares and rates of the three companies, a condition has resulted in conflicting and confusing provisions in this rule which governs family plan travel within the State of California, not only causing the reservctions and ticketing procedures to be unduly complicated, but also adversly affects the service which can be rendered to the public.

Applicant further alleges that at present there are five different periods of time stated when family plan travel discounts may be applied, some of which are in complete conflict with each other. Also, that there are nine possible combinations of discounts applicable differing according to each of the named air carriers, as now published in S. J. Rogers, Agent's tariff.

The applicant asserts that the revised schedule of family plan fares is in effect for interstate traffic.

The proposed family fare schedule results in both increases and reductions in fares. The applicant alleges that the charges tend

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to offset each other, and that the net effect on Air West, Inc. California intrastate gross revenues will be less than 1%.

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 July 21, 1969.

No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Under 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:

- Air West, Inc. is hereby authorized to have published and filed by S. J. Rogers, Agent, in agent's Intrastate Local and Joint Passenger Rules Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, the 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 of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
- 3. This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco , California, this Ind SEPTEMBER day of , 1969. Commissioner Vornon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioners

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