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Decision No. 78283

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AIRLINES for authorization to make effective on an experimental basis, an 8% discount rate on purchase of a book of 10 tickets. The discount to apply to existing passenger air carrier routes between San Diego-Los Angeles, Los Angeles-San Francisco, and Sacramento-San Francisco.

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 Application No. 51801  
 (Petition for Extension of Time,  
 Filed December 31, 1970)

O P I N I O N

Decision No. 77159, dated April 28, 1970, in this proceeding authorized Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) to file, on five days' notice, an experimental tariff setting forth reduced air passenger fares based on an eight percent discount from regular fares for the purchase of ten tickets at one time. PSA proposed to begin this discount fare between the segments of (1) San Diego-Los Angeles, (2) Los Angeles-San Francisco, and (3) Sacramento-San Francisco. PSA intended to make the proposed experimental tariff effective in the period between April 30 and May 15, 1970, with an ending date of November 1, 1970 for the sale of the discount tickets. As the tickets would be sold as valid for one year, PSA would honor them until expiration date or October 31, 1971, whichever is earlier.

By Decision No. 77476, dated July 7, 1970, PSA was authorized to extend the time in which the authority must be exercised from June 22, 1970 (as provided in Decision No. 77159) to December 31, 1970, and to add Oakland Airport and Los Angeles International Airport as a pair of points between which the reduced fares would be applicable.

In its Petition For Extension of Time filed December 31, 1970, PSA states that it was not possible for it to establish the proposed discount fares prior to the December 31, 1970 expiration date authorized in Decision No. 77476 because of the pendency of fare increases granted by the Commission in Decision No. 77991 dated December 1, 1970. PSA now requests an extension of time in which to put in effect the proposed discount ticket books to June 30, 1971.

The petition for modification indicates that it was served in accordance with the requirements of Rule 4.3 of General Order No. 105-A. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar. By letter dated January 8, 1971, the California Manufacturers Association supports the granting of the petition herein. The Commission's Transportation Division recommends that a further extension of time be denied, without prejudice to the filing of a new application when PSA is prepared to place the reduced fares in effect.

There are currently no general fare increase proceedings nor other reason to prevent PSA from immediately establishing the proposed fares. The Commission finds that there are no pending matters which will delay the establishment of the proposed reduced fares, and that an extension to April 30, 1971 will provide ample time to print and distribute ticket-books. The Commission finds that a further extension of time to file tariffs to April 30, 1971 will be reasonable, and that increases occurring upon the expiration of the temporary reduced fares will be justified.

The Commission concludes that no further extension of time should be granted herein beyond that found reasonable above, as PSA will have had ample opportunity to place the proposed reduced fares in effect. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission also concludes that PSA should be authorized to establish the reduced fare tariff, as proposed, on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

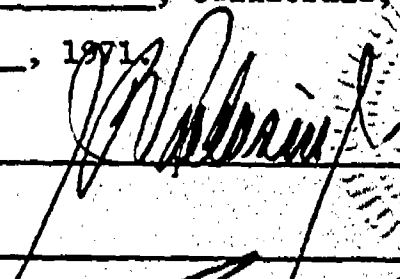
1. Pacific Southwest Airlines, a corporation, is authorized to establish reduced passenger air fares, subject to the conditions, including an expiration date of one year from the date of issuance, proposed in the application and petition herein.


2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be filed on or after the effective date hereof, and may be made effective on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

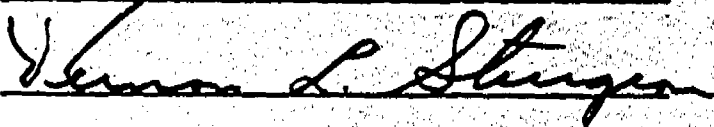
3. The authority granted herein will expire unless exercised by April 30, 1971.

The effective date of this order is ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Diego, California, this 9th day of FEBRUARY, 1971.

  
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 Chairman

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