

Decision No. 80841

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Air California for a modification in its certificate of public convenience and necessity in either direction between San Diego, on the one hand, and San Jose/Oakland, on the other hand.

Application No. 52165  
(Filed August 27, 1970)

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Southwest Airlines for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in either direction between San Diego and Sacramento, nonstop; San Diego and Sacramento via San Francisco/San Jose or Oakland; San Diego/Santa Ana/San Francisco/San Jose/Oakland; San Diego/Santa Ana/San Francisco or San Jose or Oakland and Sacramento; Santa Ana/San Francisco/San Jose/Oakland; Santa Ana and Oakland via San Jose; Santa Ana and Sacramento via San Francisco/San Jose or Oakland; Santa Ana and Sacramento, nonstop.

Application No. 51080  
(Phase I)  
(Filed May 10, 1969)

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DAILY SAN DIEGO - SAN JOSE  
SERVICE BY AIR CALIFORNIA FROM  
DECEMBER 12, 1972 TO MAY 1, 1973

By Decision No. 80318 dated July 25, 1972 in the above-consolidated proceeding, the Commission granted Air California permanent authority to provide passenger air carrier service between San Diego and San Jose/Oakland via Santa Ana.

Paragraph 4(b) of the Commission's order in Decision No. 80318 and Condition e in Appendix A to the decision require that Air California initiate one daily nonstop San Diego - San Jose round trip flight by one hundred and twenty days (i.e., December 12, 1972) after the effective date of the decision. Nonstop authority had been granted by the Commission in Decision No. 76110 dated September 3, 1969 in Application No. 50381. Air California has been providing nonstop service on the weekends since November 1970 and daily nonstop flights between September 1971 and July 1972.

Air California requests in this petition, filed on November 21, 1972, that it be granted an extension of time until April 15, 1973 before it is required to provide daily nonstop service. In support thereof, it states that since it currently has leased two of its eight aircraft to other airlines until early 1973 it would have to reschedule its entire system, as well as reduce the number of flights it would normally schedule to Palm Springs during the 1972-73 on-season, in order to commence daily nonstop San Diego - San Jose service on December 12, 1972. ✓

Furthermore, it states that its nonstop load factor for this service has been very low: only 29.1 percent for the first quarter of 1972 and 34.5 percent for the first ten months of 1972. (See Appendix A to petition.) Finally, the petition relates that with only six aircraft in operation during October 1972, Air California is operating at a high utilization factor of 7.8 block hours per aircraft each day. (Appendix C.) As a consequence, the commencement of daily nonstop service on December 12, 1972 would require that it reduce service elsewhere on its system in order to have equipment available for daily San Diego - San Jose operations.

There are no protests to the petition. The request for an extension of time is reasonable and will be granted until May 1, 1973.

IT IS ORDERED that the time period provided in paragraph 4(b) of Decision No. 80318 dated July 25, 1972 in which Air California

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is required to commence daily nonstop service between San Diego and San Jose is extended to April 15, 1973; provided, however, that if Air California reacquires one of its two aircraft subleased to other passenger air carriers before April 15, 1973 it shall commence said daily nonstop service pursuant to Decision No. 80318 as soon as possible.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of DECEMBER, 1972.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President

William J. Lyons

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Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.