

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 81039

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Golden West Air-)	
lines under the Shortened Pro-)	
cedure Tariff Docket to make)	Shortened Procedure
increases in Air Freight rates)	Tariff Docket
and charges applying between)	Application No. 53745
Santa Catalina Island and Long)	(Filed December 11, 1972)
Beach International Airport.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Golden West Airlines, Inc. (Golden) operates as a common carrier by air in the transportation of passengers and freight between various points in California including Santa Catalina Island. By this application, Golden seeks authority to increase its per pound rate from 4 to 6 cents on shipments weighing less than 100 pounds and its minimum charge from \$1.00 to \$2.50 in connection with the transportation of property between Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island.¹

Applicant states that the rates in question have not been increased since May, 1966. Applicant alleges that these rates were established and predicated on the use of a particular type of aircraft operating between Long Beach Harbor and Avalon (Santa Catalina Island) and that this aircraft is no longer in operation. Applicant avers that the rising costs of labor and operations exceed by far the \$524.00 average monthly increase in revenue which would accrue under its proposal. Applicant declares that the public would not be adversely affected by the proposed increase because of the existing boat, airline and water barge competition between the points involved.

¹The present rates are published in Golden West Airlines, Inc. Air Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal.P.U.C. No. 2.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one per cent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 12, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

Pursuant to paragraph (E) (2) (c) of Rule 23.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, no findings regarding compliance with the Federal Economic Stabilization Act are required for Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket filings seeking carrier rate adjustments under Rule 25 thereof.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Golden West Airlines, Inc. is authorized to publish the increased rates and charges in its Air Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal.P.U.C. No. 2, as proposed in Application No. 53745.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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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 14th day of February, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Quinn
Michael J. Quinn
John J. Quinn
Robert J. Quinn
Commissioners