

Decision No. 81241

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of GOLDEN WEST AIRLINES, INC., For
a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity.

Application No. 53694
(Filed November 15, 1972)

O P I N I O N

Golden West Airlines, Inc., a California corporation, is a passenger air carrier with operations in Southern California. One of the routes it presently operates is between Los Angeles (LAX) and Mojave (MEV), also known as Kern County Airport No. 7. By this application it seeks authority to extend and modify operations over that route with service between Los Angeles (LAX) and Kern County Airport No. 3 at Inyokern (INV) with flag stop service at the intermediate points of Kern County Airport No. 4 at Tehachapi (TAH) and Kern County Airport No. 7 at Mojave (MEV).^{1/}

Hughes Airwest provides a midday flight between Los Angeles and Inyokern pursuant to authority from the Civil Aeronautics Board. It has filed with the Board a request (Docket No. 13113) for authority to suspend service between the points. Hughes Airwest has been served with a copy of the application and has informed the Commission that it does not oppose the granting of the authority sought.

^{1/} By letter dated December 6, 1972 applicant requested the Commission to withhold action on this application. By letter received February 20, 1973 applicant has informed the Commission that it can initiate the proposed service upon approval of the Commission.

Since February 1971, applicant has provided morning and evening service between Los Angeles and Inyokern under a contract with the Naval Ordinance Test Center, NAF China Lake. This contract had been entered into because the midday schedules provided by Hughes Airwest did not meet proper connection flights at LAX. Between January and August 1972, applicant carried an average of 450 passengers a month between LAX and INY under that contract. Naval Ordinance Test Center, China Lake and the Department of Defense have written to the Commission supporting the application.

Applicant has business experience in the field of air operations having been engaged in passenger air carrier operations in California for many years. It operates DEC 17-passenger Twin Otter aircraft and proposes to utilize such aircraft on the proposed route. It presently operates two round trips daily between LAX and INY under contract. Its present certificate as a passenger air carrier calls for a minimum of one flight per day, five days per week, between LAX and MHV. Applicant's proposed service of three flights daily between LAX and INY with flag stops at MHV and TAH may be accomplished with existing aircraft.

Applicant estimates it will average 1,310 passengers per month on 156 flights (three round trips per day on each of six days per week) for an estimated passenger revenue of about \$30,000 per month. This represents a load factor of approximately 50 percent. It estimates that total costs, including direct costs and indirect costs, of providing the service will be approximately \$28,000 per month.

A copy of this application was served upon Hughes Airwest, upon the airport managers of all airports proposed to be served, and upon officials of the counties and cities which would be affected by the proposed service. There are no protests. The city of Ridgecrest has informed the Commission that it supports the application.

We find that there is a need for the proposed service and that applicant has the experience and ability to initiate and maintain adequate service to the communities involved. Public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant of the proposed service.

We conclude that the application should be granted and that Appendix A of Decision No. 77323 in Application No. 51216 should be amended by revising the description of Route 8 contained therein so as to comport with the authority granted herein. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Golden West Airlines, Inc. is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers as a passenger air carrier over the following route in either direction:

Los Angeles International Airport to Kern County Airport No. 8 at Inyokern with flag stop service at the intermediate points of Kern County Airport No. 7 at Mojave and Kern County Airport No. 4 at Tehachapi.

2. Appendix A of Decision No. 77323, as heretofore amended, is further amended by incorporating therein Sixth Revised Page 2 and Sixth Revised Page 3, attached hereto, in revision of Fifth Revised Page 2 and Fifth Revised Page 3.

3. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations. Failure so to do may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

a. Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, applicant is placed on notice that it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with and observe the requirements of the Commission's General Orders Nos. 120-Series and 129.

- b. Within one hundred and twenty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file tariffs and timetables, in triplicate, in the Commission's office.
- c. The tariff and timetable filings shall 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 the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the service herein authorized.
- d. The tariff filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 105-A.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th
day of APRIL, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Snyders, Jr.
[Signature]
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Commissioners

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

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Route 6. Los Angeles - Catalina Island
Intermediate Point - Long Beach

LAX - LGB
LGB - SXC
*LAX - SXC (via LGB)
LAX - SXC (seasonal, June 1 through September 15)
LGB - AVX
LGB - TWE

Route 7. Orange County/Santa Ana - Catalina Island

SNA - SXC (seasonal, June 1 through September 15 each year)

#Route 8. Los Angeles - Inyokern

LAX - INY
LAX - MHV (f)
LAX - TAH (f)
INY - MHV (f)
INY - TAH (f)
MHV (f) - TAH (f)

Conditions:

1. Authority granted herein is limited to passenger air carrier operations over the specific routes and between the airport pairs listed thereunder as described above.
2. Operation between an airport on one route and an airport on any other route shall not be provided except through an airport that is common to the two routes.
3. Airport pairs marked with "*" shall be served only via intermediate point or points shown.
4. On each route each airport shall be served with a minimum of one flight in each direction on each of five days a week.
- #5. Points designated (f) receive flag stop service only.

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Conditions: (Cont.)

- #6. Carrier shall not overfly an airport designated as a flag stop (f) if a passenger is in possession of a purchased ticket and confirmed reservation one hour or longer before the scheduled departure time from that airport on the flight on which the passenger holds a confirmed reservation.
- #7. No aircraft having more than 25 revenue passenger seats shall be operated.
8. The following airports shall be used:

<u>#Symbol</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>
SBA	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Municipal Airport
OKR	Oxnard	Oxnard/Ventura Airport
LAX	Los Angeles	Los Angeles International Airport
EMT	El Monte	El Monte/Pasadena Airport
ONT	Ontario	Ontario International
PSP	Palm Springs	Palm Springs Municipal
RAL	Riverside	Riverside Municipal Airport
LGB	Long Beach	Long Beach International Airport
FUL	Fullerton	Fullerton Municipal Airport
SNA	Santa Ana	Orange County Airport
SXC	Catalina Island	Airport-In-The-Sky, Hilltop
TWE	Catalina Island	Two Harbors (Seaplane Operations)
AVX	Catalina Island	Avalon Bay (Seaplane Operations)
SBT	Colton/San Bernardino	Tri-City Airport
#MEV	Mojave	Kern County Airport No. 7
#INY	Inyokern	Kern County Airport No. 8
#TAE	Tehachapi	Kern County Airport No. 4

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