

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 81659

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. 51216

ORDER AUTHORIZING SUSPENSION

On June 25, 1973 applicant sought authority to suspend service between Ontario and Palm Springs pursuant to Section 2766, Public Utilities Code.

If the suspension is not granted, applicant will discontinue service pursuant to Section 2769.5, Public Utilities Code. It is alleged that such service is unprofitable.

No protests have been received and no public hearing is necessary.

We find no good cause to believe that applicant's service between Ontario and Palm Springs is profitable^{1/} and conclude that applicant should be granted a special temporary suspension subject to the condition set forth in Ordering Paragraph 2.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to suspend service between Ontario and Palm Springs on or after August 16, 1973; such authority to suspend shall terminate 90 days after the suspension commences. Applicant shall report the exercise of this authority to the Commission immediately after suspension commences.

^{1/} An Exhibit attached to the application shows a loss of \$4,880 on revenues of \$18,066. The total direct station and route costs are \$19,103. Passenger loads exhibit a severe downtrend; passenger loads in the first three months of 1973 are less than half of the loads experienced in the comparable period in 1972.

2. Applicant shall give at least ten days' notice of suspension by posting notices in each of its terminals. Copies of the notice should be included or attached in each copy of applicant's timetable provided to any member of the public.

3. If applicant elects to discontinue pursuant to Section 2769.5, it shall give at least sixty days' notice to the public in the manner required by Ordering Paragraph 3.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of JULY, 1973.

William J. Lyons Jr. President
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[Signature] Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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