

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 81752

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, }
INC. for authority to add a Security }
Charge to intrastate passenger fares. }

Application No. 54107
(Filed June 18, 1973)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 81390 dated May 15, 1973 authorized United Air Lines, Inc., Hughes Air Corporation dba Hughes Air West, Air California, Western Airlines, Inc., and Pacific Southwest Airlines a temporary \$0.34 increase in the amount collected from each California intrastate passenger to cover security costs pending a final decision after public hearings regarding the final appropriate level of the surcharge. Decision No. 81697 granted the same relief to Holiday Resources, Inc. dba Holiday Airlines.

This surcharge is intended to cover the screening of passengers and is consistent with the charge for the same purpose imposed by the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for interstate passengers in Order 73-3-46 dated March 14, 1973.

All of the aforementioned carriers except Pacific Southwest Airlines have applied for a further security charge of \$0.25 to cover the cost of armed guards at airports.

In the above-entitled application, Trans World Airlines, Inc. (TWA) requests imposition of a security charge of \$0.59 per intrastate flight coupon per passenger. The component parts of this charge are \$0.34 to offset the cost of screening passengers and \$0.25 to offset the cost of armed guards at airports.

The application prays for ex parte relief as to the entire amount. The application states that TWA is searching or subjecting to X-ray screening all carry-on baggage and requiring all passengers to pass through a metal detection device and, if necessary, through physical search. This, according to the application, has necessitated purchase of equipment and facilities and hiring of additional personnel. The application also states that TWA is now authorized by the CAB to collect an additional \$0.25 security charge to reimburse airport authorities for the costs of providing armed guards.

Since the Commission has granted all of the aforementioned carriers, other than TWA, an interim \$0.34 surcharge to cover passenger screening costs, and since it appears from TWA's application that it is carrying out the same passenger screening procedures and bearing costs similar to those of the other carriers, the Commission finds that the request of TWA should be granted to the same extent as was granted to other carriers in Decisions Nos. 81390 and 81697, pending a final determination as to the entire matter of security charges.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Trans World Airlines, Inc. (TWA) is authorized an interim increase in the amount collected from each passenger it transports within California in the amount of \$0.34, pending further order of the Commission.
2. The tariff filings as a result of the order herein 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.
3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

4. TWA shall keep a record of the passengers enplaned and an accounting of the surcharge revenue collected and related incremental costs for each of the airports served in California and shall make such information available to the Commission upon request.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th
day of AUGUST, 1973.

Verne L. Stanger
President

William Symens, Jr.

Donna Brown
Commissioners

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

Commissioner D. W. Helms, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.