

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 82389

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AIRLINES for an ex parte order or expedited authority to increase its intrastate fares.

Application No. 54387  
(Filed October 16, 1973;  
amended November 20, 1973  
and January 4, 1974)

Application of AIR CALIFORNIA, INC. for an ex parte order to increase intrastate passenger fares.

Application No. 54546  
(Filed December 31, 1973;  
amended January 8, 1974)

Application of GOLDEN WEST AIRLINES, INC. for an ex parte order to increase intrastate passenger fares.

Application No. 54555  
(Filed January 4, 1974)

Application of WESTERN AIR LINES, INC. for authority to increase certain intrastate passenger fares and cargo charges.

Application No. 54534  
(Filed December 24, 1973;  
amended January 9, 1974)

Application of SWIFT AIRE LINES, INC. for an ex parte order to increase intrastate passenger fares.

Application No. 54575  
(Filed January 14, 1974)

SECOND INTERIM OPINION

Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA), Air California, Inc. (Air Cal), Golden West Airlines, Inc. (GWA), Western Air Lines, Inc. (Western), and Swift Aire Lines, Inc. (Swift) seek immediate authority to increase their air fares to compensate for recent expense increases incurred by them for aircraft fuel.

The applications and amendments generally allege as follows: Increases in fuel costs have amounted to at least 30 percent since mid-1973. The increases were essentially caused by escalation in the posted prices of crude oil to the applicants' fuel suppliers which resulted in increases in charges by the suppliers to the applicants. The increases in aviation fuel prices are in compliance with the Federal Cost of Living Council's Phase IV regulations and will not be eliminated or decreased in the foreseeable future.

Decision No. 82280 dated December 18, 1973 in Application No. 54387 authorized PSA to increase its passenger fares by 23 cents per passenger on an interim basis pending hearing. Consolidated public hearing is scheduled for February 19, 1974 in Case No. 9646 and all applications filed by air common carriers seeking increased fares to offset fuel cost increases.

Interim increases of 23 cents per passenger were also granted Air Cal, Decision No. 82353; GWA, Decision No. 82355; and Western, Decision No. 82352; all dated January 15, 1974.

Latest amendments<sup>1/</sup> filed allege that the applicants experienced further fuel increases since early January which are not covered by the above interim fare increase of 23 cents.

It appears, and we so find, that the applicants have incurred an unprecedented increase in their aviation fuel costs within the last six months resulting from the worldwide energy crisis and pricing policies permitted by the Federal Cost of Living Council; that such fuel cost increases are of such magnitude as to impair applicants' operations unless an immediate revenue increase is authorized to offset such fuel cost increases; that PSA is the fare-setting (low cost)

---

1/ Both PSA and Air Cal filed amendments seeking substitution of higher fares than originally requested. PSA seeks an increase of 70 cents in its LAX-SFO and related fares, in lieu of the interim increase of 23 cents; Air Cal seeks an increase of 72 cents in lieu of the original request of 25 cents.

carrier in the markets served by the applicants; and that PSA should be authorized to establish the proposed increased fares set forth in Appendix A hereto pending hearing. GWA and Western did not file amendments for further fare increases due to increased fuel cost; however, the 23 cents per passenger fare increase granted on January 15, 1974 is less than their original requests, and we find that an immediate additional interim increase not exceeding the amount per passenger granted to PSA herein is justified pending further action of the Commission. Swift filed its application on January 14, 1974. An increase to the level authorized herein to PSA is also justified with respect to Swift.

SECOND INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Southwest Airlines, Air California, Inc., Golden West Airlines, Inc., Western Air Lines, Inc., and Swift Aire Lines, Inc. are authorized to establish the proposed increased fares set forth in Appendices A, B, C, D, and E hereto, respectively.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed on or after the effective date of this order and may be made effective on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority granted herein will expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of JANUARY, 1974.

William L. Steiner  
President  
William J. Steiner Jr.  
Stutter  
Commissioners

I dissent

Richard F. Commey

I abstain:

Richard F. Commey, Commissioner.

APPENDIX APACIFIC SOUTHWEST AIRLINES  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FARES

Sheet 1 of 2

Regular Passenger Fares							
Route/Between Points	Base	2nd	Interim Base	Security	Surcharges	Total	Total
	as per	as per	as per	as per	as per	Without	With
	D.82280	D.82280	D.82280	D.82280	D.82280	D.82280	D.82280
	Incr.	Incr.	Incr.	Incr.	Incr.	Incr.	Incr.
San Diego							
Los Angeles							
Burbank							
Ontario							
Long Beach	\$ 7.64	\$ .23	\$ 7.87	\$ .46		\$ 8.33	\$ 9.00
Los Angeles/Burbank							
San Francisco							
Oakland							
San Jose	\$16.43	\$ .47	\$16.90	\$ .46		\$17.36	\$18.75
Burbank/Ontario/Long Beach							
Sacramento	\$20.60	\$ .24	\$ 20.84	\$ .46		\$ 21.30	\$ 23.00
San Diego							
Sacramento	\$24.30	\$ .47	\$24.77	\$ .46		\$25.23	\$27.25
Ontario/Long Beach							
San Francisco	\$17.82	\$ .47	\$18.29	\$ .46		\$18.75	\$20.25
Los Angeles							
Sacramento	\$17.82	\$ .47	\$18.29	\$ .46		\$18.75	\$20.25
San Diego							
San Francisco							
Oakland							
San Jose	\$23.85	\$ .46	\$24.31	\$ .46		\$24.77	\$26.75
San Francisco							
Sacramento							
Stockton	\$ 7.64	\$ .23	\$ 7.87	\$ .46		\$ 8.33	\$ 9.00
Fresno							
Stockton	\$ 7.64	\$ .23	\$ 7.87	\$ .46		\$ 8.33	\$ 9.00
Los Angeles							
Fresno	\$15.05	\$ .23	\$15.28	\$ .46		\$15.74	\$17.00
Los Angeles							
Stockton	\$18.75	\$ .23	\$18.98	\$ .46		\$19.44	\$21.00
Fresno							
San Francisco	\$10.42	\$ .23	\$10.65	\$ .46		\$11.11	\$12.00
San Diego							
Fresno	\$22.46	\$ .69	\$23.15	\$ .46		\$23.61	\$25.50
San Diego							
Stockton	\$26.16	\$ .69	\$26.85	\$ .46		\$27.31	\$29.50
Oakland							
Sacramento	\$ 7.64	\$ .23	\$ 7.87	\$ .46		\$ 8.33	\$ 9.00

APPENDIX APACIFIC SOUTHWEST AIRLINES  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FARES

Sheet 2 of 2

Route/ Between Points	Special Fare -				Midnight Flyer	
	Base	2nd	Interim	Base	Security	Surcharges
	as per	as per	as per	as per	as per	as per
	D. 82280	D. 82280	D. 82280	D. 82280	D. 82280	D. 82280
	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	and Dec. 82190	and Dec. 82190	and Dec. 82190	and Dec. 82190	and Dec. 82190	and Dec. 82190
	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O
	Tax	Tax	Tax	Tax	Tax	Tax
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	With	With	With	With	With	With
	Tax	Tax	Tax	Tax	Tax	Tax
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
San Diego Los Angeles	\$ 6.72	\$ .23	\$ 6.95		\$ .46	\$ 7.41
						\$ 8.00
Los Angeles San Francisco	11.35	.46	11.81		.46	12.27
						13.25
San Diego Sacramento	15.97	.47	16.44		.46	16.90
						18.25
Los Angeles Sacramento	14.12	.47	14.59		.46	15.05
						16.25
San Francisco Sacramento	6.72	.23	6.95		.46	7.41
						8.00

APPENDIX BATR CALIFORNIA, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FARES

Market	:Base Fare: 2nd		: Security		: Total	
	: As Per		: Surcharge As Per:		: Total	
	:D. 82353	:Increase	:Total	:D.81390 & D.82190	:Without Tax	: With Tax
Oakland-Ontario	\$20.23	\$ .47	\$20.70	\$ .46	\$21.16	\$22.85
-Orange County	20.23	.47	20.70	.46	21.16	22.85
-Palm Springs	24.23	.47	24.70	.46	25.16	27.17
-San Diego	23.73	.47	24.20	.46	24.66	26.63
Ontario-Orange County	5.23	.47	5.70	.46	6.16	6.65
-Sacramento	20.60	.47	21.07	.46	21.53	23.25
-San Jose	20.23	.47	20.70	.46	21.16	22.85
Orange						
County-Palm Springs	8.56	.47	9.03	.46	9.49	10.25
-Sacramento	20.60	.47	21.07	.46	21.53	23.25
-San Diego	7.64	.47	8.11	.46	8.57	9.26
-San Francisco	20.23	.47	20.70	.46	21.16	22.85
-San Jose	20.23	.47	20.70	.46	21.16	22.85
Palm						
Springs-Sacramento	26.39	.47	26.86	.46	27.32	29.51
-San Francisco	24.23	.47	24.70	.46	25.16	27.17
-San Jose	24.23	.47	24.70	.46	25.16	27.17
Sacra-						
mento-San Diego	24.20	.47	24.67	.46	25.13	27.14
-San Jose	8.10	.47	8.57	.46	9.03	9.75
San						
Diego-San Jose	23.73	.47	24.20	.46	24.66	26.63

APPENDIX CGOLDEN WEST AIRLINES, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FARES

	: Base	:	:	:	:
	: Fare	:	Second	:	Total
	: as per	:	Interim	: Base	: with
Market	: Dec. 82355	:	Increase	: Total	: Tax
LAX - Catalina Island	\$ 11.80	\$ .15	\$ 11.95	\$	12.91
Fullerton	7.72	.15	9.87		10.66
Inyokern	25.23	.15	25.38		27.41
Mojave	13.19	.15	13.34		14.41
Ontario	13.19	.15	13.34		14.41
Oxnard	13.19	.15	13.34		14.41
Riverside	13.66	.15	13.81		14.91
Santa Ana	12.27	.15	12.42		13.41
Santa Barbara	15.51	.15	15.66		16.91
San Bernardino	14.12	.15	14.27		15.41
Tehachapi	17.23	.15	17.38		18.77



APPENDIX DWESTERN AIR LINES, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FARES

		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:
Between	And	: Base	: Second	: Base	: Security	: Total	: Total
		: as per	: Interim	: Base	: Surcharges:	: as per	: Total
		: D.82352	: Increase	: Total	: Dec.81390:	: W/O	: With
					: & Dec.82190:	: Tax	: Tax
Los Angeles	Oakland	\$16.43	\$ .01	\$16.44	\$ .46	\$16.90	\$18.25
	Sacramento	17.82	-	17.82	.46	18.28	19.74
	San Francisco	16.43	.01	16.44	.46	16.90	18.25
	San Jose	16.43	.01	16.44	.46	16.90	18.25
Oakland	Ontario	17.82	-	17.82	.46	18.28	19.74
	Palm Springs	24.23	.02	24.25	.46	24.71	26.69
	San Diego	23.73	.11	23.84	.46	24.30	26.24
Ontario	Sacramento	20.60	-	20.60	.46	21.06	22.74
	San Francisco	17.82	-	17.82	.46	18.28	19.74
Palm Springs	San Francisco	24.23	.02	24.25	.46	24.71	26.69
Sacramento	San Diego	24.20	.11	24.31	.46	24.77	26.75
San Diego	San Francisco	23.73	.11	23.84	.46	24.30	26.24
	San Jose	23.73	.11	23.84	.46	24.30	26.24

APPENDIX E  
 SWIFT AIR LINES, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FARES

Market	Base Fare as per Dec. 82036	Interim Increase	Total Without Tax	Total With Tax
San Francisco-San Jose	\$ 11.11	\$ .70	\$ 11.81	\$ 12.75
-Paso Robles	24.07	.70	24.77	26.75
-San Luis Obispo	26.85	.70	27.55	29.75
-Santa Maria	27.78	.70	28.48	30.76
San Jose-Paso Robles	22.22	.70	22.92	24.75
-San Luis Obispo	25.00	.70	25.70	27.76
-Santa Maria	26.85	.70	27.55	29.75
Paso Robles-Los Angeles	26.85	.70	27.55	29.75
San Luis Obispo-Sacramento	29.63	.70	30.33	32.76
-Fresno	22.22	.70	22.92	24.75
-Los Angeles	25.00	.70	25.70	27.76
Sacramento-Fresno	22.22	.70	22.92	24.75
-Visalia	25.00	.70	25.70	27.76
-Bakersfield	31.48	.70	32.18	34.75
-Santa Maria	31.48	.70	32.18	34.75
Fresno-Visalia	11.11	.70	11.81	12.75
-Bakersfield	17.59	.70	18.29	19.75
Santa Maria-Los Angeles	20.37	.70	21.07	22.76
-Fresno	25.00	.70	25.70	27.76
Bakersfield-Los Angeles	18.52	.70	19.22	20.76
-Visalia	13.89	.70	14.59	15.76
-San Luis Obispo (1)	34.26	.70	34.96	37.76
-Santa Maria (1)	30.56	.70	31.26	33.76
Visalia-San Luis Obispo (1)	37.96	.70	38.66	42.75
-Santa Maria (1)	34.26	.70	34.96	37.76

(1) Via Los Angeles