

Decision No. 82444**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of:)

CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS, INC., a Delaware)

corporation, and CONTINENTAL PACIFIC)

LINES, a California corporation, for)

authority to increase charges pursuant)

to Section 454 of the Public Utilities)

Code, Special Service Charges.)

Application No. 54478

(Filed November 29, 1973)

(Amended January 11, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Continental Trailways, Inc., is engaged in the business as a passenger stage corporation, providing service between San Francisco and Los Angeles and the California-Arizona State Line at Needles and Blythe via San Bernardino and Riverside. Continental Pacific Lines is also conducting operations as a passenger stage corporation. Continental Pacific Lines provides service between San Francisco and Stockton and the California-Oregon State Line via U.S. Interstate Highways 80 and 5.

In this application, Continental Trailways, Inc., and Continental Pacific Lines seek authority to increase their special service charges^{1/} by approximately 10% for passengers occupying reserved seats. Present rates were established by Decision No. 79301, dated February 17, 1971.

The applicants alleged that during the interim period of over two years, costs of this service, including wages paid, have increased. Statements and exhibits attached to the application show that the applicants suffered a loss in providing the special service for both the twelve-month period ending December 31, 1972 and under a year of operation with results adjusted for current conditions. The increased annual revenue to be derived from the proposed seat charges will be approximately \$4,700. Exhibit "N" attached to the application shows that if the proposed increased

^{1/} Commonly referred to as "Five Star Luxury Service."

charges had been in effect during 1973, the service would still have been operated at a loss. The proposed seat charges are now in effect on interstate service; and the proposed increases will bring the intrastate charges for services in California in line with interstate charges.

Local authorities were served copies of the application and notice of the filing of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar. There are no protests or requests for hearing.

Under the circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed seat charges are justified. We conclude that the application should be granted on an ex parte basis. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Continental Trailways, Inc., and Continental Pacific Lines (Corporations) are hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to establish the increased seat charges proposed in Application No. 54478 and set forth in Appendix A hereto. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be filed not earlier than the effective date of the order herein and shall provide no less than five days' notice to the public and to the Commission.

2. The authority granted herein if not exercised shall expire within sixty days after the date hereof.

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

Dated at San Diego, California, this 5th day of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Stevenson
President
William J. Symons
J. M. Kern
Mark
Stadler
Commissioners

APPENDIX A
PROPOSED ONE-WAY SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES

CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS INC. - LOCAL SERVICE

BETWEEN : San Francisco : Oakland : Stockton : Modesto : Merced : Fresno : Tulare : Bakersfield :

AND

Modesto	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Merced	1.20	1.20	0.85	0.85				
Fresno	1.55	1.55	1.20	0.85	0.85			
Tulare	2.00	2.00	1.55	1.20	0.85	0.85		
Bakersfield	2.35	2.35	1.55	1.55	1.20	0.85	0.85	
Los Angeles	2.45	2.45	2.35	2.35	2.00	1.55	1.55	1.20

CONTINENTAL PACIFIC LINES dba CONTINENTAL PACIFIC TRAILWAYS - LOCAL SERVICE

BETWEEN : Yreka : Mt. Shasta : Redding : Red Bluff : Sacramento :

AND

Mt. Shasta	\$0.85	\$	\$	\$	\$
Redding	0.85	0.85			
Red Bluff	1.05	0.95	0.85		
Sacramento	2.00	1.55	1.30	0.85	
Stockton	2.75	2.35	2.00	1.65	0.85
Vallejo	2.35	2.00	1.55	1.40	-
Richmond	2.65	2.30	1.90	1.65	-
Oakland	2.70	2.35	2.00	1.80	-
San Francisco	2.70	2.35	2.00	1.80	-

JOINT SERVICE CHARGES (VIA SACRAMENTO)

BETWEEN : Yreka : Mt. Shasta : Redding : Red Bluff : Sacramento :

AND

Modesto	\$2.85	\$2.40	\$2.10	\$1.65	\$0.85
Merced	3.15	2.70	2.45	2.00	1.20
Fresno	3.55	3.10	2.85	2.40	1.55
Tulare	4.00	3.55	3.25	2.85	2.00
Bakersfield	4.30	3.85	3.60	3.15	2.35
Los Angeles	5.05	4.60	4.30	3.85	3.05