

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 82688

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 53234
(Filed March 27, 1972;
amended July 17, 1972
and September 4, 1973)

FINAL OPINION

In this application Western Air Lines, Inc. (Western) seeks authority to increase its intrastate commuter and first-class air fares and freight charges. Western is a common carrier by air of passengers and property between various points in the United States (including California), Canada, and Mexico. Within California, Western serves San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Ontario (San Bernardino), Palm Springs, and San Diego. Its intrastate passenger operations utilize Boeing 707, 720, 720B, 727-200, and 737 aircraft.

Interim Decision No. 81921 dated September 25, 1973 in this proceeding authorized Western to increase its jet commuter air fares to the levels authorized to Pacific Southwest Airlines in Decision No. 81793 dated August 21, 1973 in Application No. 53525, between directly competitive points (or to levels sought by Air California in Application No. 53308, where lower).

Second Interim Decision No. 82265 dated December 18, 1973 authorized Western to establish the first-class fares, discount fares, and air freight rates between all points and the increased commuter air fares proposed in the application between the following points:

Los Angeles	- Ontario	Oakland	- San Jose
Los Angeles	- Palm Springs	Ontario	- San Diego
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San Francisco	- San Jose	Palm Springs	- San Diego

That decision also concluded that the proposed increases in commuter air fares between PSP-OAK, PSP-SMF, PSP-SJC, and PSP-SFO be deferred until Application No. 53308 of Air California is decided.

Decision No. 82687 issued today authorized Air California to establish the increased fares as set forth therein.

The Commission finds that the establishment by Western of the sought increased jet commuter air fares between Palm Springs, on the one hand, and Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, and San Francisco, on the other hand, is justified. The Commission concludes that the balance of the application not heretofore considered in the interim orders herein be granted.

FINAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Air Lines, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased commuter air fares proposed in Application No. 53234 between Palm Springs, on the one hand, and Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, and San Francisco, on the other hand.
2. Western Air Lines, Inc. is authorized to establish as permanent fares the interim fares authorized by Decisions Nos. 81921 and 82265 in this proceeding.
3. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may 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 to the public.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd
day of APRIL, 1974.

Vernon L. L. L.
President
William J. Symons, Jr.
P. J. Martin
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Commissioners