

Decision No. 83541**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application to increase passenger
fares between San Francisco and
Santa Rosa. }

Application No. 54352
(Filed September 27, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Stol Air, Inc. is a passenger air carrier with operations between San Francisco, on the one hand, and Santa Rosa, Novato, Napa, and Concord, on the other hand. It here seeks authority to increase its passenger fare for transportation between San Francisco and Santa Rosa from \$14.35 (\$15.50 including tax) to \$16.58 (\$17.90 including tax). Notice of the filing of the application and service of copies of the application were made in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules. There are no protests.

Pursuant to direction applicant furnished financial statements and operating data covering the six months ended January 31, 1974. The data are received in evidence in this application as Exhibit 1. During that period applicant incurred an operating loss of \$16,022. During that same period applicant's president did not receive any compensation from applicant. Based upon the experience of that six-month period, applicant projected results from operations for a twelve-month period ending January 31, 1975. That projection is a loss of \$37,975 under present fares and a net operating revenue of \$9,900 under the proposed fare of \$16.58.

The application shows that applicant desires to establish a fare of \$17.90 including tax. The proposed fare of \$16.58 plus 8 percent tax amounts to \$17.91. It is manifestly applicant's intention not to establish a fare which will necessitate making change with pennies. A tariff fare of \$16.57 will result in a fare of \$17.90 including tax. Applicant's projections are based upon 19,950 passengers between San Francisco and Santa Rosa. The difference of one cent in fare will provide a difference in projected revenue of less than \$200.

We find that the proposed increase in fare to \$17.90 including tax has been shown to be justified and that the tariff fare without tax that will provide the \$17.90 fare is \$16.57.

We conclude that applicant should be authorized to establish a tariff fare of \$16.57 and that a public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Stol Air, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to establish an increased fare of \$16.57 for transportation between San Francisco and Santa Rosa. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority shall 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 1st
day of OCTOBER, 1974.

Veronica L. Stinson
President
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Commissioners