

Decision No. 83953**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of NOR-CAL AVIATION, INC.,)
under the Shortened Procedure Tariff) (SPT) Application No. 55250
Docket to amend its tariff to restrict) (Filed October 15, 1974)
the application of one-half fares for)
children.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Nor-Cal Aviation, Inc., (Nor-Cal) seeks authority to amend its tariff so as to restrict the application of one-half fares for children to apply only to children when accompanied by an adult. In order to substantiate its request the company cites the following facts and reasons:

- a. Its aircraft are operated with a one pilot crew; therefore, an unaccompanied child cannot receive adequate supervision while the pilot is attending to his cockpit duties.
- b. Nor-Cal aircraft have only seven revenue seats and must receive full revenue for the majority of these seats to make a profit. Unaccompanied one-half fare children passengers at certain times of the year become a very real burden on the airline profit picture.
- c. Nor-Cal wishes to serve the families of the area and, therefore, feels that the proposed amendment allowing one-half fare for adult-accompanied children meets the family needs, allows for adequate supervision, and would not put a burden on the airline's profit picture.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

By letter dated October 25, 1974, Nor-Cal advised the Commission that notice of the requested tariff restriction had been posted at its ticket counters at Redding, Chico and Sacramento Airports and, additionally, it had posted such notice in a prominent area of its aircraft. The company has also duly served a notice of the requested tariff change to the public by placing the notice in a newspaper of general distribution in the area it serves. Such publication was placed under legal notices in the November 1, 1974 edition of the Sacramento Bee, published in Sacramento, California. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 17, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

The Commission finds that any increases resulting from restriction of the children's fares as proposed in the application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Nor-Cal Aviation, Inc. is hereby authorized to restrict the application of children's fares in its Passenger and Freight Tariff, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein 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.

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

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
7th day of JANUARY, 1975.

Vernon L. Stinson
President
William Symons Jr.
[Signature]

Commissioners