Decision No.84017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Swift Aire Lines,) Inc. under the Shortened Procedure) Tariff Docket to make increases) in Swift Aire's Air Freight) Tariff, Cal P.U.C. No. 2 by) decreasing cubic dimensional) weight allowance & modifying) basic weight charges)

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 55354 (Filed December 2, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

Swift Aire Lines, Inc. (Swift) operates as a common carrier by air in the transportation of passengers and freight between various points in California.¹ By this application, Swift seeks authority to revise its rates and cubic dimensional weight provisions for the transportation of air freight shipments.²

Applicant proposes, in lieu of assessing a charge of \$5.00 for shipments under 25 pounds and \$5.00 plus 5 cents per pound for shipments 25 pounds and over, to apply a rate of 10 cents per pound or fraction thereof with a minimum charge of \$7.50 per shipment. Applicant also proposes to apply a cubic dimensional weight of one pound for each 200 cubic inches or fraction thereof instead of the present cubic dimensional weight of one pound for each 345 cubic inches or fraction thereof.

Applicant states that it generally performs a high priority small package counter-to-counter type service as opposed to the common conception of air freight service and its proposed rate scale for

¹ The points served include: Fresno, Los Angeles, Paso Robles, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria.

² The present rates and rules are published in Swift Aire Lines, Inc. Air Freight Tariff Cal.P.U.C. No. 2.

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this service would result in increases and reductions.

Applicant declares that its aircraft has limited freight carrying capacity and passenger baggage is given priority over freight. Applicant contends that, when large and bulky items are shipped, it is often required to operate multiple flights involving additional manpower and increased costs. Applicant asserts that its freight service is not designed to handle large items and its current cubic dimensional weight is never applied even though the aircraft often fills to capacity.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 3, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Swift Aire Lines, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish rates and cubic dimensional weight provisions in its Air Freight Tariff Cal.P.U.C. No. 2 as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than the first day after the effective date of this order on not less than one day's 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.

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This order shall become effective February 10, 1975. Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of January, 1975.

I abstain: 000 С

Commissioners