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Decision No. 84192

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
GOLDEN WEST AIRLINES, INC.,
for ex-parte authority to modify
its Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity.

Application No. 51216
(Filed November 25, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Golden West Airlines, Inc. (GWA) has applied to have its certificate of public convenience and necessity modified to authorize GWA to suspend or delete service between Los Angeles International Airport and Tehachapi (Kern County No. 4), which is listed as a flag-stop on its Los Angeles-Inyokern Route. This authority was granted by Decision No. 81241 dated April 10, 1973 in Application No. 53694.

It is alleged that service to Tehachapi was instituted at the request of two land developers who guaranteed a minimum of six daily round-trip fares. The guarantee was cancelled on September 30, 1973 and applicant has since transported only 352 passengers on 231 flights, at an average of 1.52 passengers per flight, and an estimated loss of \$5,000 annually. During the 14 months the service was provided, there has been no increase in patronage and no offer of financial aid from the communities served. It is further alleged that applicant will continue to provide service to Mojave, which is 20 minutes driving time from Tehachapi over a four-lane freeway, and that discontinuing the service to Tehachapi will not inconvenience the traveling public.

Copies of this application were mailed to Kern County and Los Angeles County; to the cities of Tehachapi, Bakersfield, and Los Angeles; to the Kern County Director of Aviation in Bakersfield, to Tehachapi Airport, and Los Angeles International Airport. There have been no protests or requests for a hearing. Applicant asserts

that it will terminate this service on January 25, 1975 as authorized by statute, unless the Commission orders its continuance. The Commission finds it is in the public interest to eliminate the service to Tehachapi and to revise applicant's certificate. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Golden West Airlines, Inc.'s certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be revised to delete reference to Tehachapi (Kern County No. 4).
2. Authority for service to or from Tehachapi is revoked and it will be deleted from applicant's tariffs.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof, unless before such effective date, there shall have been filed with the Commission, written response to this order requesting public hearing, in which event the date of this order shall be stayed until further order of the Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th
day of MARCH, 1975.

William L. Johnson
President
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William Johnson
Leonard P. Cox
Commissioners

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Golden West Airlines, Inc., by this certificate of public convenience and necessity, is authorized to operate as a passenger air carrier over the routes and between the points listed below:

Route 1. Deleted

Route 2. Deleted

Route 3. Los Angeles - Palm Springs

Intermediate Points: El Monte, Ontario,

Riverside, Fullerton and Colton/San Bernardino

LAX - EMT	*LAX - PSP (via ONT)
EMT - SBT	ONT - PSP
LAX - ONT	LAX - SBT
ONT - RAL	ONT - SBT
*LAX - ONT (via FUL)	RAL - SBT
LAX - RAL	

Route 4. Los Angeles - Santa Ana

Intermediate Point: Fullerton

LAX - SNA
LAX - FUL
FUL - SNA

Route 5. Los Angeles - Santa Barbara Intermediate

Point: Oxnard

LAX - OXR
OXR - SBA
LAX - SBA

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Route 6. Los Angeles - Catalina Island

Intermediate Point: Long Beach

LAX - LGB
LGB - SXC
*LAX - SXC (via LGB)
LAX - SXC (seasonal, June 1 through September 15)
LGB - AVX
LGB - TWH

Route 7. Orange County/Santa Ana - Catalina Island

SNA - SXC (seasonal, June 1 through September 15 each year)

#Route 8. Los Angeles - Inyokern

LAX - INY
LAX - LHV (f)
INY - LHV (f)

Conditions:

1. Authority granted herein is limited to passenger air carrier operations over the specific routes and between the airport pairs listed thereunder as described above.
2. Operation between an airport on one route and an airport on any other route shall not be provided except through an airport that is common to the two routes.
3. Airport pairs marked with "*" shall be served only via intermediate point or points shown.
4. On each route each airport shall be served with a minimum of one flight in each direction on each of the five days a week.
5. Points designated (f) receive flag stop service only.

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6. Carrier shall not overfly an airport designated as a flag stop (f) if a passenger is in possession of a purchased ticket and confirmed reservation one hour or longer before the scheduled departure time from that airport on the flight on which the passenger holds a confirmed reservation.
7. No aircraft having more than 25 revenue passenger seats shall be operated.
8. The following airports shall be used:

<u>#Symbol</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>
SBA	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Municipal Airport
OXR	Oxnard	Oxnard/Ventura Airport
LAX	Los Angeles	Los Angeles International Airport
EMT	El Monte	El Monte/Pasadena Airport
ONT	Ontario	Ontario International
PSP	Palm Springs	Palm Springs Municipal
RAL	Riverside	Riverside Municipal Airport
LGB	Long Beach	Long Beach International Airport
FUL	Fullerton	Fullerton Municipal Airport
SNA	Santa Ana	Orange County Airport
SXC	Catalina Island	Airport-In-The-Sky, Hilltop
TWH	Catalina Island	Two Harbors (Seaplane Operations)
AVK	Catalina Island	Avalon Bay (Seaplane Operations)
SBT	Colton/San Bernardino	Tri-City Airport
MHV	Mojave	Kern County Airport No. 7
INY	Inyokern	Kern County Airport No. 8

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